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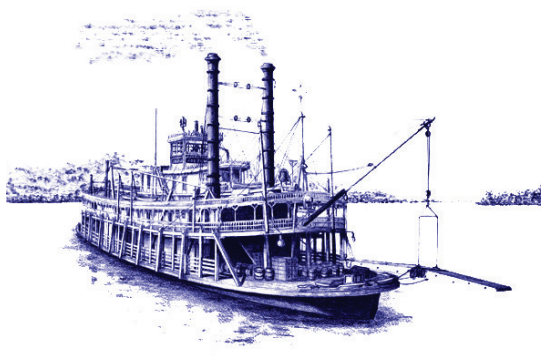

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Man charged with child molestation, child porn

BY BOB DEMAREE

An initial hearing was held Wednesday for a Jefferson County man facing felony charges of child molestation and possession of child pornography.

Waylon J. Schlichtkrull, 37, of Vernon Ridge Road in Milton Township, faces two alleged charges of Child Molesting, both Level 1 felonies; and Possession of Child Pornography, a Level 6 felony.

Indiana State Police Det. Joseph A. May reported in the probable cause affidavit that he began investigating Schlichtkrull on Sunday, Dec. 31, after receiving alleged evidence from the victim's mother that Schlichtkrull's cell phone contained video showing a 13-year-old female performing sex acts on a male.

Waylon J. Schlichtkrull

A search warrant was sought and then issued by Jefferson Circuit Judge D.J. Mote for Schlichtkrull's cell phone and other property. Later that day, Schlichtkrull was found driving his vehicle in Switzerland County by sheriff's deputies and the officers followed him as he headed back to his residence in far eastern Jefferson County, where May was able to take him into custody without incident.

Schlichtkrull's cell phone was collected from the vehicle, pursuant to the search warrant. On Monday, Jan. 1, the juvenile victim was interviewed and allegedly stated that Schlichtkrull had forced her to have sexual activity with him since she was 8 years old. Most recently, she said sexual activity was performed with him on Dec. 18 and Dec. 30. The juvenile victim said threats were allegedly made by Schlichtkrull if she ever told anyone about the activity.

Because Schlichtkrull was deemed indigent and unable to pay for legal representation, he was assigned public defender Drew Adams as his attorney. Mote set bond at $250,000 cash and Schlichtkrull was ordered to not have any contact with the victim or victim's younger sister on Wednesday, before he was remanded back to the Jefferson County Jail.

An omnibus documents date was set for Friday, March 8, with pre-trial conference set for Tuesday, March 13, at 1 p.m. A trial date has been set for Monday, March 25, at 9 a.m.

The case remains under investigation. Indiana State Police Investigators were assisted by deputies with the Jefferson County and Switzerland County sheriffs' offices.

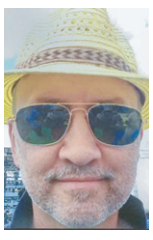
High Life

Mark Campbell

With the arrival of colder weather, a local flock of black vultures found a cozy spot to hang out on the warm HVAC equipment high atop the roof at the Cotton Mill Fairfield Inn & Suites in downtown Madison.

Crawdaddy Music under new ownership

After almost four decades in the heart of Madison's shopping district, Crawdaddy Music has been a mainstay of musical supplies, guitar sales, and an amazing collection of high-end vintage instruments. Owner Rob Houze has shepherded the business from a tiny upstairs space when it first started, to a full double storefront music store that rivals anything you'd find in bigger cities around the country.



CHARLIE **ROHLFING**
CHARLIE'S BEAT

But alas, all things must come to an end, and Rob announced his retirement some months ago, effective with the coming of the new year. But don't despair, a new champion of our musical heritage and vibrant music scene has emerged in the person of one Michael Fortunato, recent Madison transplant and active saxophone player with our many local bands.

"When I heard Rob was retiring, it kind of gave me a moment of panic," relates Michael. "I think everybody who cares about Madison's music scene was a little aghast that we might lose Crawdaddy. But then I started talking to Rob and some other people, thinking about how it might work to take it over and keep it going. I am happy to say things just fell into place and I was able to buy the business, including the upstairs spaces.

"The idea is to preserve the legacy of Crawdaddy, but move to a more Main Street focused concept, with a broad range of items for sale to interest musicians, tourists, vinyl collectors and just anyone who loves music and is looking for a friendly place to hang out and be creative.

"I'm bringing in several partners to help me, including Graham Anderson to run the store, Noah Wright of Analog Coffee to help with vinyl records and live performance, and Ashley Wells will run the Lucky Penny Vintage Clothing store on the second floor.

"Speaking of the second floor, there is a lot of open area up there, and we are envisioning some kind of small performance space for pop up shows and small concerts. We want the whole building to be a place where people can hang out, collaborate, rehearse and showcase their talents.

"I believe there's a need for more opportunities for the younger musicians in town, and we will try to provide that space. The venue will be no-alcohol, open to all ages, and conducive to creating different kinds of musical ensembles, outside the traditional framework.

THIS WEEK IN MUSIC

Wednesday, Jan. 3
The Central — Jam w/Jimmy

Thursday, Jan. 4
Rivertown Grill — Open Mic w/ Fred Elam

Friday, Jan. 5
The Central — Karaoke w/ ChrAsh

Saturday, Jan. 6
The Central — The Low Glow
Fairgrounds — For the love of Bluegrass, Gospel & Country (2 p.m.)

Michael Fortunato

"As for timing, we hope you can start seeing some of the changes and the new concept by later in January. It's going to be very cool and open, and we want everyone to feel welcome to just pop in and check it out. I can promise it's going to be different from anything Madison has had in the past."

I had the pleasure of attending Rob Houze's retirement party on Friday before New Years, and I first thanked him for his contribution to our music scene over the years. Then I asked him what he thought of the new plans for Crawdaddy. "Michael is going to

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Rates set for this summer's Crystal Beach reopening

BY BOB DEMAREE

The Madison Parks Board unanimously approved admission fees for the new Crystal Beach Aquatic Park at its meeting Wednesday but not before several residents provided their input.

Madison resident Jan Vetrhus emphasized making sure the pool remains accessible to everyone. "You failed to take into account the community itself. We are not, despite the effort to make it so, a gentrified wealthy community. We are still very much a community in need, and the pool was always a place that folks that could not afford air conditioning were able to come," noting there was once a city policy that if the temperature exceeded 100 degrees the pool would free admission that day "because we knew that there were those who did not have access to air conditioning. It's a quality of life thing."

Madison Parks Department Director Scott Klein said he believes the rates are affordable. "We have a brand new pool. We're having an aquatic park that's going to be superior to a lot of pools that are out there, and aquatic parks that are out there in our region," he said, stating that a $175 individual season pass "is not that much money" for the value it provides to a patron who is at the pool most days during the summer.

Parks Board president Carla Krebs noted the $175 individual pass was calculated with anticipation the pool will be open approximately 14 weeks for seven days each week, creating 98 opportunities to swim "if you're a person who is going to swim every day." Krebs said the pool's $5 daily fee would calculate to $490 for the everyday swimmer making the season pass a value. "We're offering the everyday swimmer a pass for $175, and that comes out to $1.78 a day to swim. We do not think that is outrageous. The passes are for people who are going to go almost every day — five days a week minimum. They're not for somebody that's going to be a weekend swimmer like myself. When you look at an $8 million pool, and a pass that's going to charge approximately $2 per day to swim, we do not feel like that's outrageous."

Vetrhus cited comparisons to other area pools, specifically mentioning the North Vernon City Park Pool and Splash Zone where she said a season pass for a family up to five is $90 and an individual season pass costs $40. She noted Columbus charges $1 per day for admission to its pool but said the Crystal Beach $5 per day rate is comparable to other pools in the area.

Parks Board member David Hertz said the first year for the pool will be an opportunity to gather data "so we can make informed decisions going forward." He added that there are several pricing options with the pool fees to help people determine what's affordable for them based on their usage.

Klein pointed out that in addition to the $175 individual season pass, there will be a discount card with 20 passes for $85. An annual pass for a family of four will cost $450 plus $110 for each additional family member. An annual senior pass (65 and older) will be $100, and an annual city employee pass would also be $100.

Klein said the parks department will also be utilizing funding from Bethany Legacy Foundation to provide "scholarships" for those who cannot afford to pay for use of the pool. "Those families in need" will be able to fill out applications through River Valley Resources to obtain vouchers to use the pool. "There are monies available for people who cannot afford even the daily rate."

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Aubra Browning
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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

December 31, 2023

Waylon J. Schlichtkrull, 37, Carrollton, Kentucky, for Child Molesting-2 Counts, a Level 1 felony; and Possession of Child Pornography, a Level 6 felony. Bond $250,000 cash.

January 1, 2024

Brandi Smith Henderson, 42, Slidell, Louisiana, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor; and on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond $500 cash.

Louis Daniel Innamorato, 45, Lexington, Indiana, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond $5,000 cash.

Mario Rodrigues, 37, no address, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. No bond.

January 2, 2024

Anthony Tyler Edwards, 24, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony; and on a parole violation warrant. No bond.

Matthew Alan Marshall, 52, New Albany, Indiana, for Disorderly Conduct, a Class B misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.

Jeffrey A. Obertate, 43, Hanover, to serve 10 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

Patricia A. Ramirez Delaplane, 50, no address, for Domestic Battery, a Level 5 felony. No bond.

January 3, 2024

Isaac Robert Daily, 20, Lexington, Indiana, for Visiting a Common Nuisance-Prior Unrelated Conviction, a Level 6 felony. Released on own recognizance.

Courtney M. Highbaugh, 31, no address, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor; and Visiting a Common Nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.

Jacob Wesly Taylor, 19, no address, for Maintaining a Common Nuisance and Unlawful Possession of Use of a Legend Drug, both Level 6 felonies; and Possession of a Schedule Drug, a Class A misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.

Gary Joseph Klare Jr., 49, Madison, to serve 365 days, consecutive, on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

Matthew Alan Marshall, 52, New Albany, Indiana, for Disorderly Conduct, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Tammy Sue Weston, 49, Scottsburg, Indiana, to serve one day jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

January 4, 2024

Joshua Scott Broughton, 44, Madison, for Driving While Suspended-Prior Suspension Within 10 Years, a Class A misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT

SENTENCINGS

January 2, 2024

Joshua Mack, 41, Madison, to Operating as a Habitual Traffic Offender and Operating While Intoxicated, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction on each count, concurrent, with credit for 8 days served and balance suspended except for 135 days. Placed on supervised probation for 410 days plus $689.50 in fees and court costs and loss of license for 180 days.

Jeffrey A. Obertate, 43, Hanover, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 8 days served and balance suspended except for 30 days. Placed on supervised probation for 515 days plus $689.50 in fees and court costs and loss of license for 180 days.

Samuel Benjamin Nelson, 37, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, fully executed, with no credit for time served and sentencing consecutive to separate felony and misdemeanor convictions, plus $239.00 in fees and court costs.

Samuel Benjamin Nelson, 37, Madison, for Theft-Prior Conviction, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended but 180 days with no credit for time served. Placed on supervised probation for 365 days plus $489 in fees and court costs.

Stephen M. Murphy, 30, no address listed, to an amended charge of Auto Theft, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 76 days served plus $289 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

January 3, 2024

Matthew S. Jacobs and Rosemary Cloyd to Derryveagh Development LLC, 224 Smith Lane, Hanover.

Perry D. Cloyd and Carter J. Cloyd to Derryveagh Development LLC, 224 Smith Lane, Hanover.

Lori Little, Janis Diane Simpson (estate) and Janis Diane Simpson to Fairoffercashnow Inc., 3 parcels at 1918 Locust Street, Madison.

Kyle E. Gray and Amy Gray to Kyle E. Gray and Amy Gray, two tracts totaling 40 acres at 175 North, Deputy.

Jefferson County Clerk's receives $21,000 elections grant

BY BOB DEMAREE

The Jefferson County Clerk's office was awarded a $21,000 election improvement grant Thursday through the Federal Help America Vote Act grant dollars in preparation for the 2024 election for which candidate filings begin on Wednesday.

Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk Tabatha Eblen requested the grant for two modules of the EasyVote Election Management Platform — EasyCampaignFinance and EasyPollWorker.

EasyCampaignFinance is intended to meet the demand for transparency in financing election campaigns that has increased responsibility on local elections offices to handle filings and provide required disclosures. The program is built upon a combination of cloud-based and mobile applications that automate key campaign finance tasks and reduce the effort to receive, process and audit while providing a portal for public viewing and searching of submitted campaign finance disclosures.

EasyPollWorker provides tools to train, assign to classes and work schedules, communicate via test and email, and measure performance of election day and early voting workforce through the election process, ensuring compliance with both election laws and county and state requirements. The program is built upon a cloud-based software application, giving the election office visibility to the status of the poll workers.

More than 60 Indiana counties are receiving Federal Help America Vote Act grant dollars valued at approximately $2 million.

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales visited the Jefferson County Courthouse on Thursday to present the $21,000 check to Eblen. "I'm looking forward to seeing the funding help improve elections across the state," said Morales.

Candidates can begin filing for the Democratic and Republican primaries beginning Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Clerk's office in the Jefferson County Courthouse. The filing deadline is noon on Friday, Feb. 9.

Kentucky lawmakers return to work with state budget at top of list

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky lawmakers convened this week for a 60-day session that'll be dominated by crafting the next state budget, with Republican supermajorities in both chambers once again shaping Bluegrass State policies even as voters extended an era of divided government by reelecting Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear.

A torrent of bills were introduced on a wide range of issues soon after the House and Senate gaveled in at midday. Legislators will review hundreds of proposals in the coming months. Familiar issues that could grab headlines include abortion and school choice. New issues for Kentucky could include efforts to rein in diversity, equity and inclusion offices in higher education.

Finalizing the next two-year budget — the state's overarching policy document — typically doesn't wrap up until late in the session, which ends in mid-April. But top legislative leaders offered some glimpses of what the spending plan could ultimately include.

"We will continue to be very pragmatic, very fiscally conservative in our budgeting, but also understand that there are places that we can and should invest," Republican House Speaker David Osborne told reporters.

Beshear offered his budget blueprint in a televised speech last month, calling for massive funding increases for public education topped by a proposed 11% pay raise for teachers and all other public school employees. The governor is also resuming his push for state-funded preschool for every 4-year-old in Kentucky. Similar proposals for universal pre-K made no headway with the General Assembly in prior years, as Republican lawmakers charted their own course on education policies.

Senate President Robert Stivers mentioned child care as an issue for lawmakers to address.

"We may not agree with the governor about universal pre-K," the Republican said Tuesday, "but I think everybody understands that we need to work on something related to ... having access to quality day care."

One question is whether lawmakers will tap into the state's vast budget reserves in the next budget. Osborne said some of the reserves could be spent but he didn't offer amounts or specific uses.

Offering hints of what the budget measure will include, Osborne said it would be "appropriate to assume that there will be significant additional contributions into the pension system." Stivers pointed to additional infrastructure spending on transportation, water and wastewater projects.

The state's next two-year budget period starts July 1.

A push to relax Kentucky's near-total abortion ban could resurface but its prospects appear uncertain. Last year, a bill to add exceptions to the ban for pregnancies caused by rape or incest made no headway in the legislature. Beshear, an abortion-rights supporter, made his support for those exceptions a prominent part of his successful reelection campaign last year. Kentucky's current abortion law bans the procedure except when carried out to save a pregnant woman's life or to prevent a disabling injury.

Indiana GOP leadership calling for a short, 'fine-tuning' session

BY ISABELLA VOLMERT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Keep it short. That has been the directive from leadership in Indiana leading up to the 2024 legislative session.

But with the approaching 2024 general election and following landmark conservative legislation in recent years, including a near-total ban on abortion, a wide expansion on school vouchers and a law restricting the use of students' preferred pronouns in schools, that might not take place.

It's likely legislation on similar social issues will reach the floor again, even while leaders of the state's Republican trifecta say they want a session of "fine-tuning" policy.

"We'll have a more limited and focused agenda," House Speaker Todd Huston, a Republican, told reporters in November.

Here is what is and isn't expected this year.

The session beginning Jan. 8 must adjourn by March 14 and will be closed to items with a fiscal impact. Indiana holds longer, budget-making sessions during odd years.

The consistent top priority across the statehouse and political aisle this year is improving literacy and education outcomes following significant setbacks from the pandemic. About 18% of third graders did not pass Indiana's reading test last year, according to the Department of Education.

Indiana policy is to hold back students who do not pass the test, but GOP lawmakers say exemptions allow students to easily move on to the next grade and want to tighten the regulation. More than 96% of students who did not pass the reading test were advanced to the fourth grade, the education department reported.

Critics say class sizes are at risk of becoming unmanageable and schools will not have the appropriate staff or resources to keep up should legislation cause more students to repeat grades.

Truancy also has been a focus for lawmakers going into the new year. About 1 in 5 students were chronically absent from Indiana schools during the 2022-2023 year, meaning they missed about three and a half weeks of class, according to department data.

Bipartisan concern has been leveled at the cost and availability of early childcare in Indiana. Republican leaders have indicated interest in easing regulations to make it easier to open and operate childcare facilities, while Democratic lawmakers have called for a childcare tax credit.

"Daycare is a constant challenge from the Ohio River to the Michigan line," Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray, a Republican, said in a speech outlining priorities in November.

Huston also put antisemitism on college campuses in his top priorities in light of the Israel-Hamas war.

He wants to pass a measure to define antisemitism as religious discrimination and "provide educational opportunities free of religious discrimination." A House bill with the same language died in the Senate during the 2023 session.

"Our Jewish students should know they will be safe on campuses throughout Indiana and not be subjected to antisemitic teaching or materials," Huston said during a speech in November.

Gov. Eric Holcomb plans to announce his agenda in the upcoming weeks. His term will end in 2024 because Indiana law does not allow governors to serve more than two successive terms.

The Republican governor who received widespread attention for his 2023 public health proposal allowing counties to opt in for funding on services, such as chronic disease prevention, has hinted at early education and workforce development priorities for his final legislative session.

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LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 7-16-19-27-36-45 (1/3). Next Estimated Jackpot: $2.4million. Next Drawing (1/6).
Cash Five: 6-15-30-32-36 (1/3)
Cash 4 Life: 12-28-32-46-51 CB: 4 (1/3)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 6-13-29-31 CB 14 (1/3)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 8-17-35-36-38 (1/3)
Lucky For Life: 3-17-21-25-43 LB: 12 (1/3)

MEGAMILLIONS
3-18-27-29-64 MB: 1, MP x2 (1/2). Next Jackpot: $140 million. Next Drawing (1/5)

POWERBALL
30-31-38-48-68 PB: 8, PP 10 (1/3). Next Estimated Jackpot: $35 million. Next Drawing (1/6)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY
8-9-17-31-56 PB: 8 (1/3). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (1/6)

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Sunrise: 7:58 a.m.
Sunset: 5:35 p.m.
Temperature: High 40, Low 22, Mean 31.0, Excess 0.8
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, January 2024: 0
Precipitation, 2024: 0
Barometer: 30.15, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 422.75, Falling
Forecast: Saturday: Snow High 38/Low 33; Sunday: Snow showers High 38/Low 27; Monday: Cloudy High 43/Low 35; Tuesday: Rain High 48/Low 31.

Sunrise Golf Course deficit slashed to $39K

Hope of balancing budget in 2024

BY BOB DEMAREE

The deficit for operating Madison's Sunrise Golf Course was more than $300,000 about four years ago, but the flow of red ink was reduced to just under $39,000 in 2023 as the city works toward balancing the facility's budget.

Madison Parks Director Scott Klein announced the 2023 figures at Wednesday's meeting of the Madison Parks Board.

Revenue at the golf course in 2023 totaled $519,127.85 with expenses at $557,229.84 — putting the net loss at $38,101.99. The previous year's net loss was $72,455.36 when revenue was $412,481.62 and expenses were $484,936.98, but 2023 revenue was up 25.5% while expenses were slashed 13%.

"It's still not where we want to be," said Klein. "There were some additional expenses this year with people leaving and paying out benefits to them that hit the bottom line. It wouldn't have changed that we lost money but we wouldn't have lost as much."

He said 2023 golf course revenue was helped by selling gift certificates and passes in December, noting that almost $22,000 was sold compared to the previous year of $1,500.

"All the categories were up" in sales this year, he said, citing 14% increases in cart fees, 29% in green fees, 30% in food and beverage sales and 10% in pro shop sales. "All positive indicators, all good news," he noted.

Klein said food and beverage costs at the golf course can be further decreased by purchasing items wholesale rather than from local groceries. He plans to also utilize wholesale purchasing for concessions at both Crystal Beach Aquatic Park and Rucker Sports Complex.

Klein said another means of decreasing expenses at the golf course is how it manages the purchase of chemicals to maintain the course. He said approximately $60,000 to $65,000 has been spent annually on chemicals for fertilizers and pesticides. In the past, those chemicals were purchased in the fall to get rebates with the bill coming due in mid-summer. This year, he said a $22,000 purchase was negotiated to maximize rebates while the remainder of the chemicals to be purchased later as needed. "We believe that is going to cut back on the chemical uses and expenses" down to about $50,000 by not over-buying. "We've been using chemicals all year long that are two to three years old."

He said, "We'll be more purposeful and attentive to those costs which are significant to the golf course."

Parks board member Jake Shockley, who is also a member of the city's golf board, said, "We're all very hopeful and positive that the course is turning the right direction. It's a shame we ran a deficit this year because we were pretty hopeful we were going to make at least $1 but we didn't. We're going the right direction and it sounds like we have a plan. I think anybody with a realistic attitude towards the golf course would know we had dug ourself a pretty deep hole and it was going to be pretty difficult to fix in a short amount of time. With a little more patience there, I think we are going to be OK."

In other business, the board:

- Approved the contract for the city campground attendant. Doug Vest, a former city of Madison street superintendent, will replace Doug Buckler whose contract expired in November. Klein said the new campground attendant contract will start in late March and continue through early November.
- Klein reported net revenue for the city campground for the year at $139,153.42, up from $62,446.59 in 2022 for an overall increase of $76,706.83. He noted there was also $48,500 in additional spending in 2022.
- Klein said there were 61 separate activities offered in 2023 by the Parks Department, adding that the year finished strong after a slow start with approximately 2,500 participants in the summer and fall. "We're going to build on that this year so we're really excited for 2024," he said.
- Klein said planning projects are in the works for refurbishments at Sunrise Golf Course, Rucker Sports Complex and Brown Gym with the expectation of presenting those ideas at a public meeting in March. He said there are also plans to address the need for electricity and lights at both John Paul Park and Pearl Park.

Curbing at Costigan

Mark Campbell

Workers were busy building concrete curbs and sidewalks along Vaughn Drive on Wednesday at the city of Madison's new Francis Costigan Park on the riverfront. The $880,000 project is funded by Destination Madison dollars the city received from Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority through the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI), along with other grants.

Hanover Parks moving forward on 'new road'

BY BOB DEMAREE

With a restructuring of the Hanover Parks Department, town council president Debbie Kroger detailed plans to reinvigorate the parks committee to help implement those changes during Tuesday's meeting of the Parks Board.

Last week Hanover Town Council decided to change the Parks Director's position to League Director and the Community Programs and Engagement Coordinator position to Parks Coordinator and reduce both from full-time positions with benefits to part-time, 29-hour positions with no benefits. Scott Davidson, who had been the Parks Director since November 2020, is now the League Director, and Megan Varble, the Community Programs and Engagement Coordinator since August 2022, is now the Parks Coordinator.

Kroger said work has already begun in re-establishing the parks committee to work with Davidson and Varble to help "figure out this new road for right now."

Collin Toler, co-director of the Hanover Co-Ed Softball League with Kevin Jester, was at the meeting to present a $6,000 check to the parks department, an increase from the $4,500 the league gave last year, and the $4,000 presented in 2022. The amount the league donates each year is based on what's earned from the number of teams that come to Hanover for the Co-Ed Softball tournament and league.

"We really appreciate you letting us use the facilities," said Toler, adding, "We love seeing what the park has grown into. Hopefully we can be a part of that in the future as well."

Toler commended Davidson for his support to the Hanover Co-Ed Softball League. "The park is looking great. We couldn't do any of this without Scott" providing support by doing whatever is needed for Hanover Co-Ed Softball League to operate. "So, please make sure you keep doing what you're doing and we look forward to working with Scott in the future."

Davidson said the Hanover Co-Ed Softball League, now in its fifth year, is one of the activities that was occurring in the Hanover Community Park before he began his efforts to rebuild Hanover Parks programs that had been dormant for more than a decade. "They kept hope arrive" for what could be done in the park, he said.

Davidson presented a 2023 year-in-review of park statistics. In 2023, there were 498 youth participants on 42 teams, an increase from 2022 when there were 340 youths on 31 teams and 2021 when there were 300 youths on 31 teams. He said the Hanover Community Building had 37 rentals in 2023, an increase of 10 from 27 in 2022.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

- Davidson updated work progress on park improvements. He said construction is continuing on the scorers buildings on Fields 1 and 2 with the metal roof and siding now on the buildings with some work still remaining. He said the siding is in the process of being applied to the scorers building on Field 3 before moving onto other parts of that project.
- Davidson recommended consideration of increasing the cost for sponsorships with banner sponsorships and team sponsorship each increasing to $250 (previously $200), and sponsorships combined for banner and team to $400 (previously $300). No action was taken by the park board. Davidson also recommended that participation fees remain the same — $30 for the first child, $25 for the second child and $20 for the third child. "We want to keep those as low as possible," he said.
- Davidson reported that a Norway spruce tree honoring veterans has been planted at the Community Park.

Hanover council passes resolution to correct zoning ordinance

BY BOB DEMAREE

Hanover Town Council approved a resolution to correct a procedural issue in the town's zoning ordinance at its meeting Tuesday.

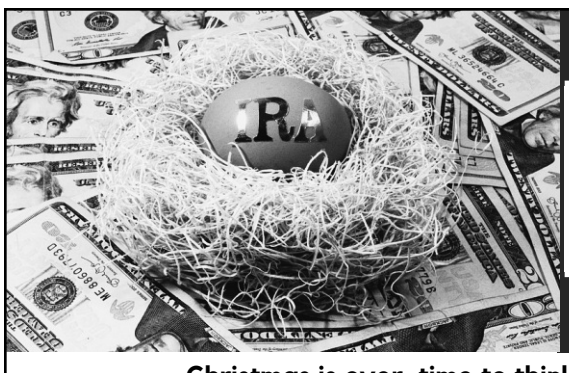
The changes are needed to be consistent with an Indiana state statute in which conditional use applications must go through the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) along with a 10-day advertising notice requirement for notice of public hearings on zoning.

Currently, the town zoning ordinance incorrectly states conditional use applications must go through the Hanover Plan Commission along with a 15-day advertising notice requirement. The amendment would update the ordinance to have those applications go through the BZA and provide for the 10-day advertising notice time period.

The town council voted to recommend the Plan Commission consider the resolution. The Plan Commission will be presented information on the resolution at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, when it meets to hear a presentation on the town's 5-year plan. A public hearing on the resolution amendment will be scheduled before the Hanover Plan Commission takes action.

In other action, the town council's officers for 2024 were elected with leadership positions remaining the same as last year with Debbie Kroger as president and Treva Shelton as vice president.

Clerk-treasurer Coby Cloud reminded that the town's municipal building will be closed for four days during the week of Jan. 15 — that Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day then Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday while he and the utility office staff attend training. Cloud said with utility bills due Jan. 15, he will check the payment drop box at the end of that day so that those who pay on time will not be penalized. Town residents can also meet payment deadline by paying online with a credit card.



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I WOULDN'T PROMOTE YOU IF YOU WERE THE LAST PERSON ON EARTH
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IF I WAS THE LAST PERSON ON EARTH I'D GIVE MYSELF A PROMOTION
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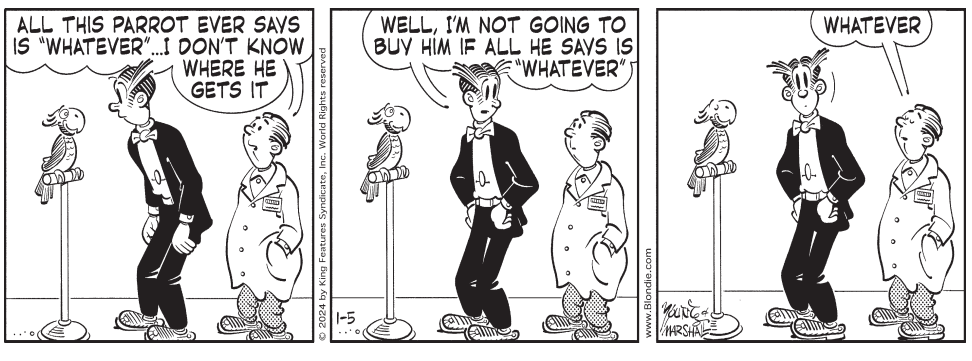
ALL THIS PARROT EVER SAYS IS "WHATEVER"...I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE GETS IT
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WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO BUY HIM IF ALL HE SAYS IS "WHATEVER"
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WHATEVER
MARSHALL

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I'll start dismantling the tree. You handle the grief counseling."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"JUST REMEMBER LAST SUMMER WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE TIRED OF CUTTING GRASS."

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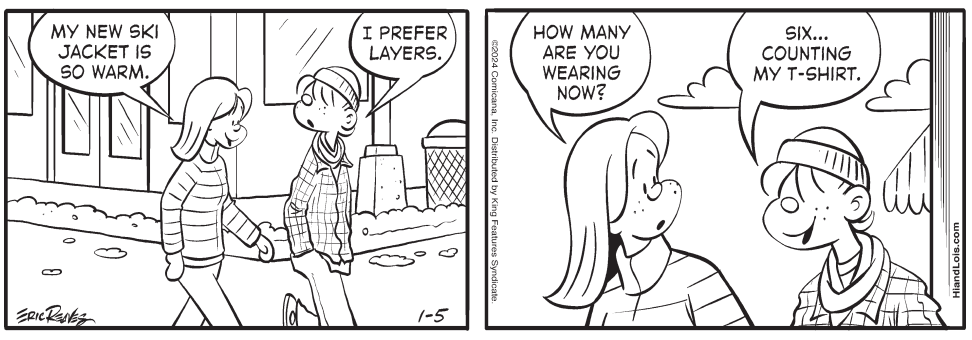
MY NEW SKI JACKET IS SO WARM.
I PREFER LAYERS.
ERIC REASE
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HOW MANY ARE YOU WEARING NOW?
SIX... COUNTING MY T-SHIRT.
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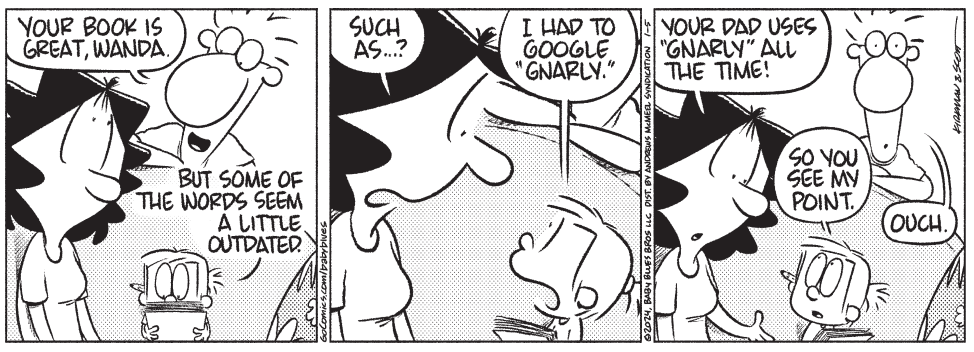
YOUR BOOK IS GREAT, WANDA.
BUT SOME OF THE WORDS SEEM A LITTLE OUTDATED
SUCH AS...?
I HAD TO GOOGLE "GNARLY."
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YOUR DAD USES "GNARLY" ALL THE TIME!
SO YOU SEE MY POINT.
OUCH.
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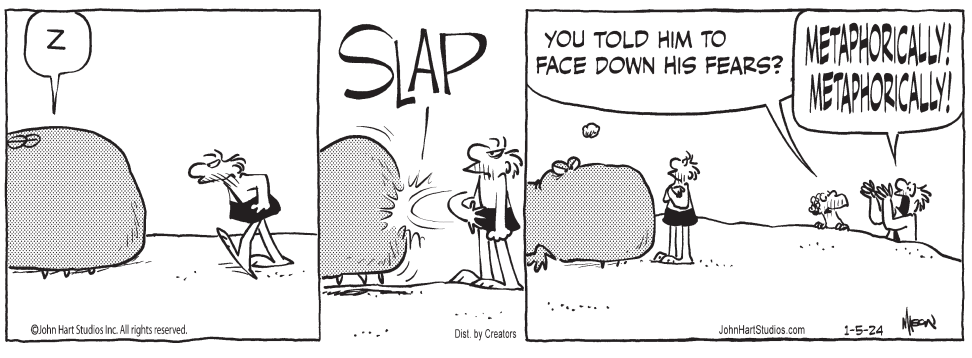

CURTIS

ANY SUCCESS YOU'VE ACHIEVED WAS NOT WISHES GRANTED...
IT WAS YOU - IT WAS ALWAYS YOU. YOU PUT IN THE LONG HOURS OF DEDICATION!
"I NEVER SAID I WAS MAGIC", FISH EXPLAINED. "I AM A 'LUCKY' FISH, LUCKY NOT TO BE EATEN," AND SWAM AWAY.
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FISH SWAM OFF TO FREEDOM, AND KWAMAY HAPPILY SAT WITH HIS DOG.
THE END

WIZARD OF ID

*SIGH... WHAT'S WITH THE SNOW FORTS?
IT'S JUST NICE TO BUILD SOMETHING AND NOT HAVE TO PAY TAXES ON IT
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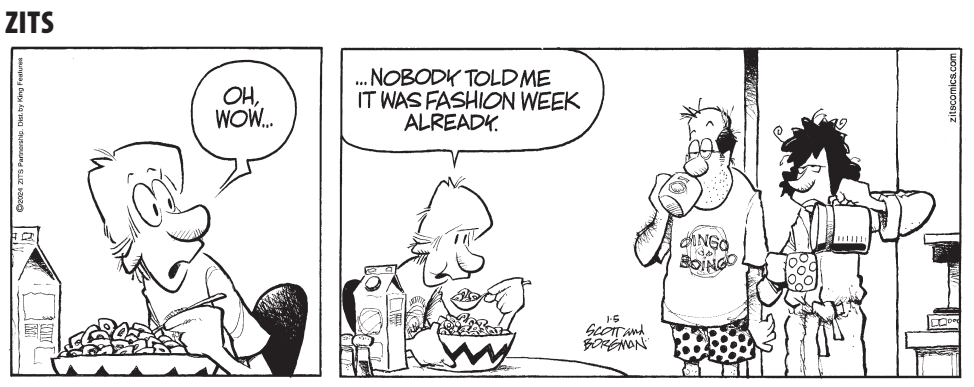

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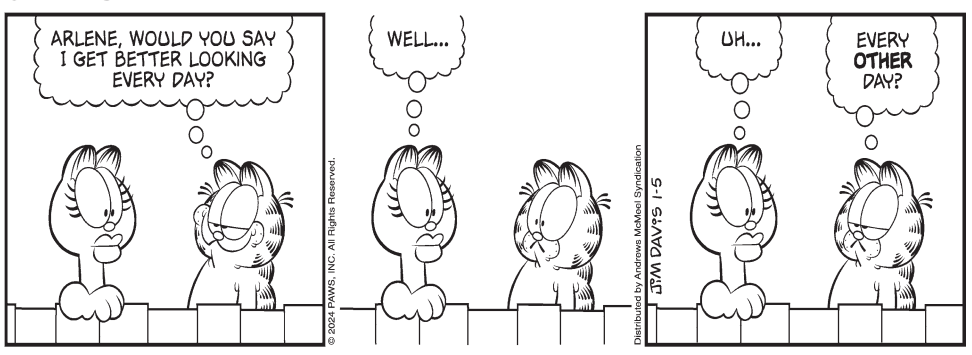
ARLENE, WOULD YOU SAY I GET BETTER LOOKING EVERY DAY?
WELL...
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UH...
EVERY OTHER DAY?

FORT KNOX

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, GENERAL?
I LOST POWER, SO I THOUGHT I'D DROP BY.
POWER
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UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T HAVE POWER EITHER.
I GUESS IT'S TIME FOR OUR MILITARY SURVIVAL SKILLS TO KICK IN.
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LET'S BUILD A FIRE.
TO STAY WARM?
TO MAKE S'MORES.
S'NO WAY

PICKLES

EARL, DID YOU EAT THE FRESH PEACH PIE THAT I MADE?
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OH, YEAH! AND IT WAS AWESOME!
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YOU ATE THE WHOLE THING?!
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE AN INSULT TO YOU NOT TO.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 5, 1953, Samuel Beckett's two-act tragicomedy "Waiting for Godot," considered a classic of the Theater of the Absurd, premiered in Paris.

On this date:

In 1896, an Austrian newspaper, Wiener Presse, reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as X-rays.

In 1914, auto industrialist Henry Ford announced he was going to pay workers $5 for an 8-hour day, as opposed to $2.34 for a 9-hour day. (Employees still worked six days a week; the 5-day work week was instituted in 1926.)

In 1925, Democrat Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election.

In 1933, construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge. (Work was completed four years later.)

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver, who was born into slavery, died in Tuskegee, Alabama, at about age 80.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression in what became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon announced that he had ordered development of the space shuttle.

In 1994, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former speaker of the House of Representatives, died in Boston at age 81.

In 1998, Sonny Bono, the 1960s pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing at the Heavenly Ski Resort on the Nevada-California state line; he was 62.

In 2004, foreigners arriving at U.S. airports were photographed and had their fingerprints scanned in the start of a government effort to keep terrorists out of the country.

In 2011, John Boehner was elected speaker as Republicans regained control of the House of Representatives on the first day of the new Congress.

In 2022, Australia denied entry to tennis star Novak Djokovic, who was seeking to play for a 10th Australian Open title later in the month; authorities canceled his visa because he failed to meet the requirements for an exemption to COVID-19 vaccination rules.

In 2023, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered his armed forces to observe a unilateral 36-hour cease-fire in Ukraine for the Orthodox Christmas holiday, the first such sweeping truce move in the nearly 11-month-old war.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Duvall is 93. Juan Carlos, former King of Spain, is 86. Singer-musician Athol Guy (The Seekers) is 84. Actor-director Diane Keaton is 78. Actor Ted Lange is 76. Rock musician Chris Stein (Blondie) is 74. Former CIA Director George Tenet is 71. Actor Pamela Sue Martin is 71. Actor Clancy Brown is 65. Singer Iris Dement is 63. Actor Suzy Amis is 62. Actor Ricky Paull Goldin is 59. Actor Vinnie Jones is 59. Rock musician Kate Schellenbach (Luscious Jackson) is 58. Actor Joe Flanigan is 57. Talk show host/dancer-choreographer Carrie Ann Inaba is 56. Rock musician Troy Van Leeuwen (Queens of the Stone Age) is 56. Actor Heather Paige Kent is 55. Rock singer Marilyn Manson is 55. Actor Shea Whigham is 55. Actor Derek Cecil is 51. Actor-comedian Jessica Chaffin is 50. Actor Bradley Cooper is 49. Actor January Jones is 46. Actor Brooklyn Sudano is 43. Actor Franz Drameh is 31.

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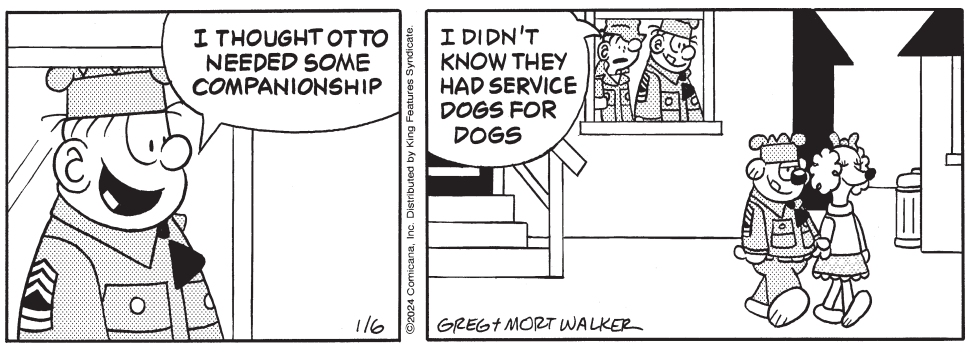
I THOUGHT OTTO NEEDED SOME COMPANIONSHIP
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I DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD SERVICE DOGS FOR DOGS
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BLONDIE

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE COOKING DINNER, MRS. B.
I SURE AM, ELMO
WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?
I GUESS THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU'RE COOKING
I LIKE TO KNOW MY OPTIONS BEFORE I COMMIT TO DINNER PLANS
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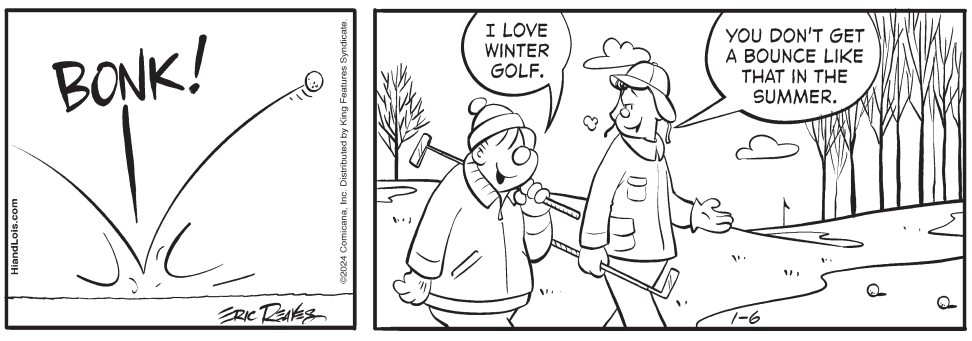
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I LOVE WINTER GOLF.
YOU DON'T GET A BOUNCE LIKE THAT IN THE SUMMER.
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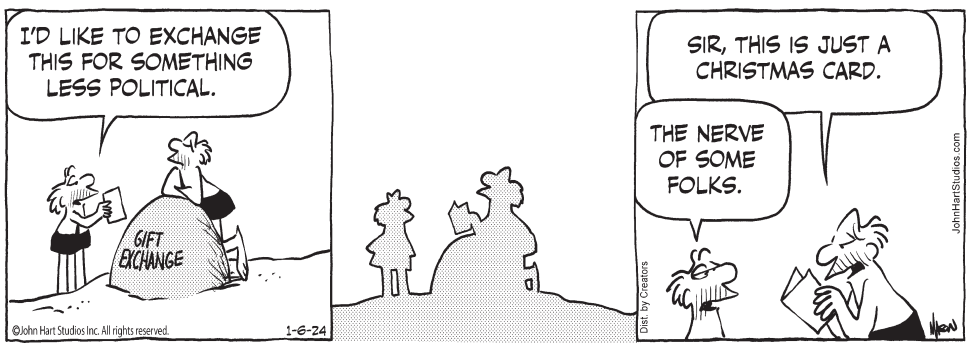
I'D LIKE TO EXCHANGE THIS FOR SOMETHING LESS POLITICAL.
GIFT EXCHANGE
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SIR, THIS IS JUST A CHRISTMAS CARD.
THE NERVE OF SOME FOLKS.
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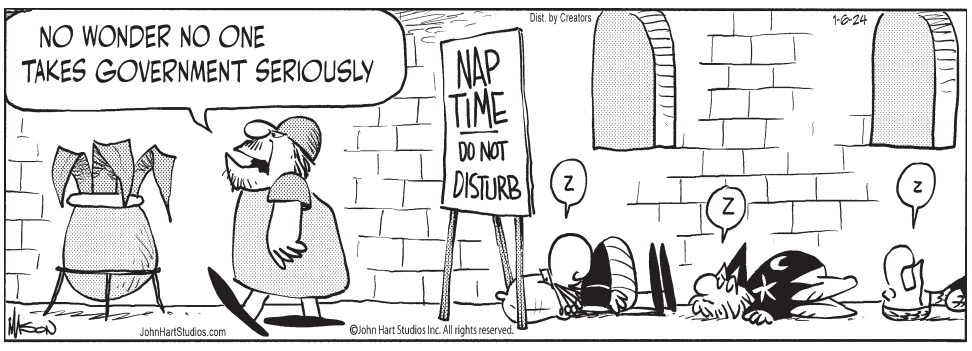

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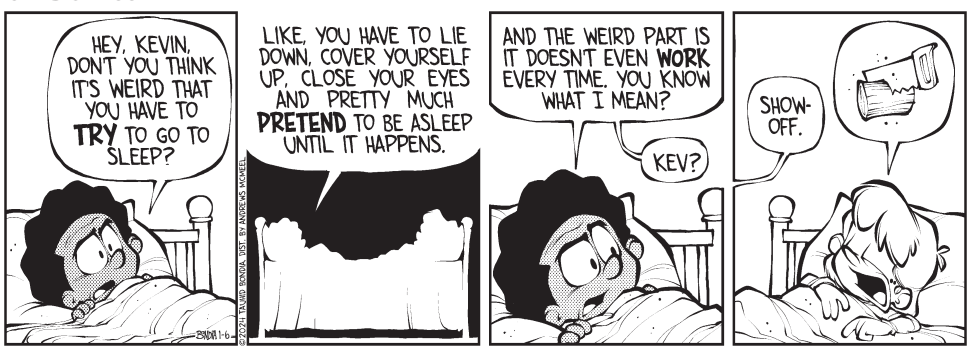
HEY, KEVIN, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WEIRD THAT YOU HAVE TO TRY TO GO TO SLEEP?
LIKE, YOU HAVE TO LIE DOWN, COVER YOURSELF UP, CLOSE YOUR EYES AND PRETTY MUCH PRETEND TO BE ASLEEP UNTIL IT HAPPENS.
AND THE WEIRD PART IS IT DOESN'T EVEN WORK EVERY TIME. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
KEV?
SHOW-OFF.
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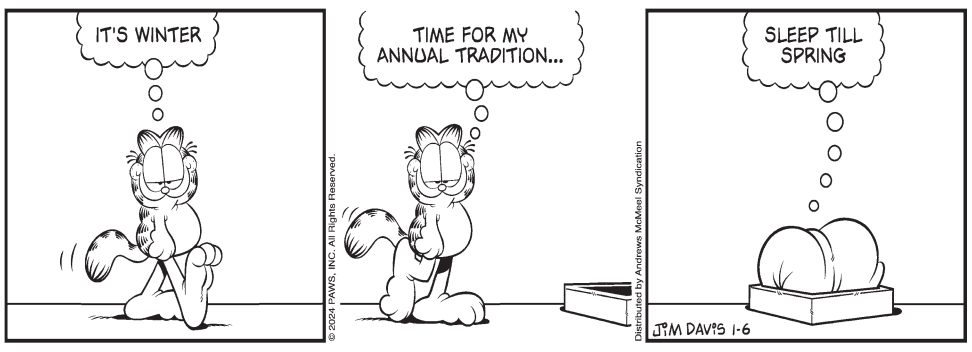
IT'S WINTER
TIME FOR MY ANNUAL TRADITION...
SLEEP TILL SPRING
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JIM DAVIS 1-6

FORT KNOX

YAY!! WE FINALLY HAVE OUR POWER BACK ON!!!
LITE it up
BEFORE WE CELEBRATE, DON'T YOU THINK THIS EXPERIENCE BROUGHT US CLOSER AS A FAMILY?
HUG ME
NO!
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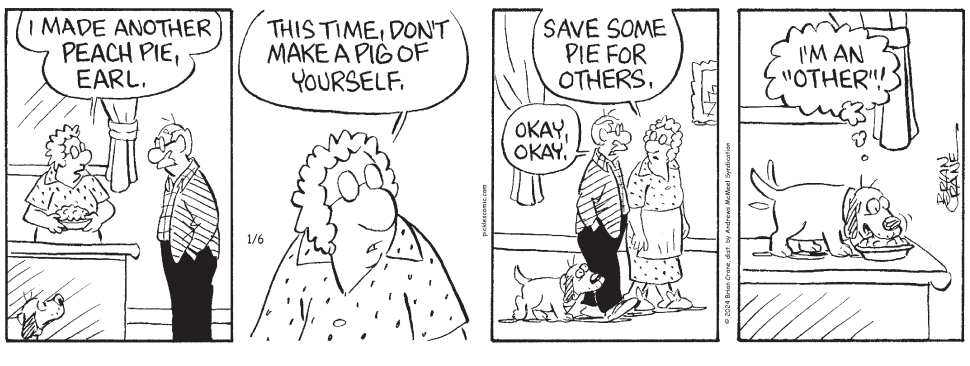
PICKLES


I MADE ANOTHER PEACH PIE, EARL.
THIS TIME, DON'T MAKE A PIG OF YOURSELF.
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SAVE SOME PIE FOR OTHERS.
OKAY, OKAY.
I'M AN "OTHER"!
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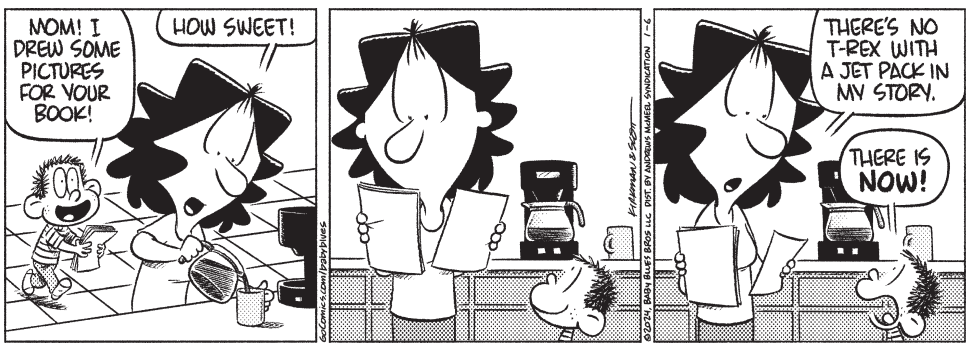
FAMILY CIRCUS

"Why are kings higher than queens? Aren't men and women s'posed to be equal?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WHY GO TO A BEAUTY SALON, MOM?" "TO HEAR ALL THE GOSSIP."

BABY BLUES


MOM! I DREW SOME PICTURES FOR YOUR BOOK!
HOW SWEET!
THERE'S NO T-REX WITH A JET PACK IN MY STORY.
THERE IS NOW!
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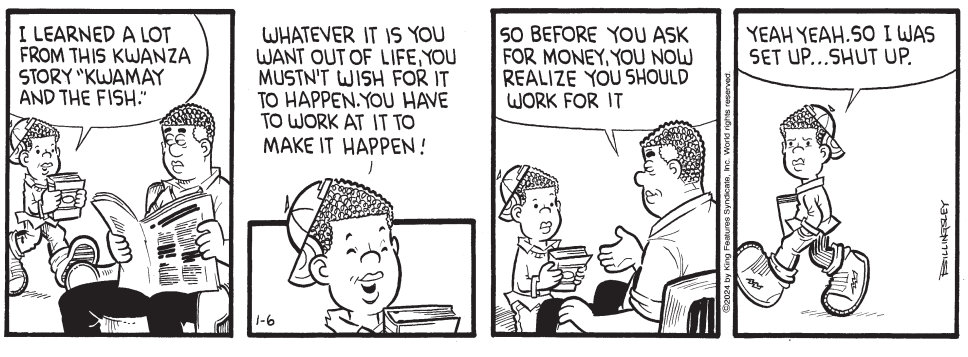
I LEARNED A LOT FROM THIS KWANZA STORY "KWAMAY AND THE FISH."
WHATEVER IT IS YOU WANT OUT OF LIFE, YOU MUSTN'T WISH FOR IT TO HAPPEN. YOU HAVE TO WORK AT IT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!
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SO BEFORE YOU ASK FOR MONEY, YOU NOW REALIZE YOU SHOULD WORK FOR IT
YEAH YEAH. SO I WAS SET UP... SHUT UP.
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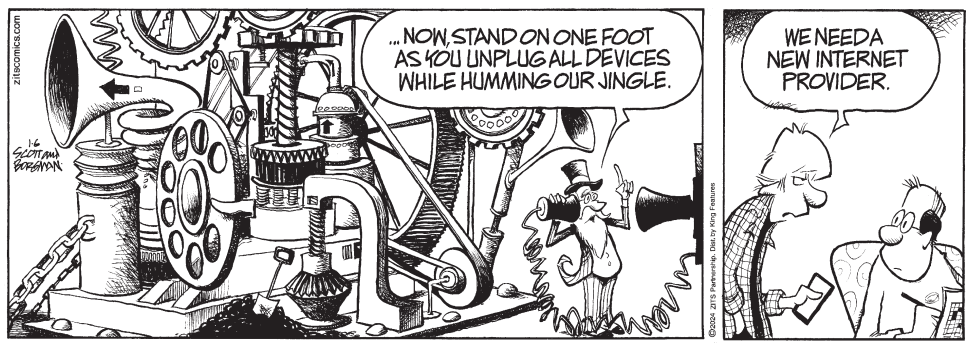
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 6, 2021, supporters of President Donald Trump, fueled by his false claims of a stolen election, assaulted police and smashed their way into the Capitol to interrupt the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's victory, forcing lawmakers into hiding; most of the rioters had come from a nearby rally where Trump urged them to "fight like hell." A Trump supporter, Ashli Babbitt, was shot and killed by a police officer as she tried to breach a barricaded doorway inside the Capitol. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, injured while confronting the rioters, suffered a stroke the next day and died from natural causes, the Washington, D.C., medical examiner's office said. Congress reconvened hours later to finish certifying the election result.

On this date:

In 1412, tradition holds that Joan of Arc was born in Domremy.

In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919, former President Theodore Roosevelt died in Oyster Bay, New York at age 60.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, outlined a goal of "Four Freedoms": Freedom of speech and expression; the freedom of people to worship God in their own way; freedom from want; freedom from fear.

In 1974, year-round daylight saving time began in the United States on a trial basis as a fuel-saving measure in response to the OPEC oil embargo.

In 1982, truck driver William G. Bonin was convicted in Los Angeles of 10 of the "Freeway Killer" slayings of young men and boys. (Bonin was later convicted of four other killings; he was executed in 1996.)

In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit's Cobo Arena; four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, went to prison for their roles in the attack. (Harding pleaded guilty to conspiracy to hinder prosecution, but denied any advance knowledge about the assault.)

In 2001, with his opponent, Vice President Al Gore, presiding in his capacity as president of the Senate, Congress formally certified George W. Bush the winner of the bitterly contested 2000 presidential election.

In 2005, former Ku Klux Klan leader Edgar Ray Killen was arrested on murder charges 41 years after three civil rights workers were slain in Mississippi. (Killen was later convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 60 years in prison; he died in prison in 2018.)

In 2006, velvet-voiced singer Lou Rawls died in Los Angeles at age 72.

In 2013, the NHL and the players' association agreed on a tentative pact to end a 113-day lockout.

In 2018, pushing back against a new book that said his own aides questioned his competence, President Donald Trump defended his mental fitness in a series of tweets, saying that he is "like, really smart" and "a very stable genius."

In 2020, throngs of Iranians attended the funeral of Gen. Qassem Soleimani, who'd been killed in a U.S. airstrike in Iraq; Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei wept while praying over the casket.

In 2022, actor Sidney Poitier the first Black actor to win an Oscar for best lead performance and the first to be a top box-office draw, died at age 94, while Peter Bogdanovich, director of 1970s black-and-white classics "The Last Picture Show" and "Paper Moon," died at 82.

Today's Birthdays: Country musician Joey Miskulin (Riders in the Sky) is 75. Former FBI director Louis Freeh is 74. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds) is 73. Singer Jett Williams is 71. Actor-comedian Rowan Atkinson is 69. World Golf Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez is 67. Actor Scott Bryce is 66. R&B singer Kathy Sledge is 65. TV chef Nigella Lawson is 64. R&B singer Eric Williams (BLACKstreet) is 64. Actor Norman Reedus is 55. Food writer and blogger Ree Drummond is 55. TV personality Julie Chen Moonves is 54. Actor Danny Pintauro (TV: "Who's the Boss?") is 48. Actor Cristela Alonzo is 45. Actor Rinko Kikuchi is 43. Actor Eddie Redmayne is 42. Retired NBA All-Star Gilbert Arenas is 42. Actor-comedian Kate McKinnon is 40. Actor Diona Reasonover is 40. Rock singer Alex Turner (Arctic Monkeys) is 38.

OBITUARIES

Deborah 'Debbie' Jeanette Bolton Brooks

Deborah "Debbie" Jeanette Bolton Brooks, age 76, of Madison, Indiana, entered this life on May 22, 1947 in Madison, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Daniel Alex and Alice Marcellia DeBurger Bolton. Debbie lived her entire life in Jefferson County and grew up on Mulberry Street in downtown Madison. She loved to walk uptown for a Cherry Coke and she attended Eggleston Elementary School and Madison Consolidated High School. She was united in marriage to Charles Edward "Eddie" Brooks Jr. on January 19, 1964 at the Hanover United Methodist Church. This union of 58 years was blessed with sons, Murel Eugene and Christopher D. and a daughter, Tamaira Charlene. Debbie struggled most of her life with emotional and mental hardships and it was hard for her family and other people to understand-only God really understood her. Debbie and Eddie lived on a farm in the Hanover neighborhood for three years then moved back to Mulberry Street in downtown Madison, where their third child, Murell was born. Debbie tried hard at times to be a good mom, she would bake cupcakes for school parties and even helped with her daughters Brownie Troop. In 1974 the family moved to a farm again. Debbie loved growing flowers and raising chickens and she took in many stray dogs. She was able to get her drivers license in 1978, so she could take her children to the Dupont and Madison Christian Schools in her little green Nova. Debbie loved to draw and paint, she could decorate cakes and sewed many dresses. In 1979 Murell was killed in a farm accident and this broke Debbie's heart. The family moved back again to Mulberry Street after the accident. In 1989 they moved to a farm above Dupont. Then in 1993 Debbie suffered a brain aneurysm which left her with physical problems to deal with. She lost her son Chris suddenly in 2006 and her husband in 2022. She was a member of Calvary Wesleyan Church. Debbie suffered from Alzheimer's and dementia and died on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 1:50 p.m. at the Waters of Clifty Falls in Madison, Indiana.

Debbie will be missed by her daughter, Tamaira Charlene "Tammy" Brooks Rea and her husband, Kelly of Madison, IN; her daughter in law, Cindy S. Large Brooks Dudley of Madison, IN; her grandsons, Brad Rea and his wife, Ashley of East Enterprise, IN, Eddie Ray Brooks and his wife, Jorrica of Madison, IN; her granddaughters, Candace S. Brooks Gil and her husband, Julio of Madison, IN, Crystal D. Brooks of Madison, IN; her great grandchildren, Terrington Brooks, Timbelynn Brooks, Julianna Gil, Julio Christopher Gil, Jazlyn Gil and Nova Barrett; her brother, Robert Bolton and his wife, Karen of Madison, IN; her sister in laws, Marilyn Mathews of Hanover, IN, Shirley Reed of Wisconsin, Elizabeth Wehner and her husband, Larry of Madison, IN; her brother in law, James D. Brooks of Lexington, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Daniel Alex Bolton; her mother, Alice Marcellia DeBurger Bolton; her husband of 58 years, Charles Edward "Eddie" Brooks, Jr., her sons, Murel Eugene Brooks, and Christopher D. Brooks.

Graveside services were conducted on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, by Pastor Troy Hedges at the Springdale Cemetery in downtown Madison, Indiana. Interment followed in the Springdale Cemetery in Madison, Indiana.

Friends and family gathered on Wednesday at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, Indiana to go in procession to Springdale Cemetery, 600 West Fifth Street in downtown Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Denise Bernadine Kelley-Chatham

Denise Bernadine Kelley-Chatham, age 63, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on April 4, 1960 in Madison, Indiana. The second daughter to Arthur Louis and Bernadine Matilda Feider Kelley. {span}She joined a sister, Bonita, and brothers Fred, Larry, Gerald, Bernard, Rodney and Brian. Denise graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 1978. She was active in basketball, tennis, softball, Pep club and German club. She was raised in the Catholic faith and most recently finished her first confession in 40 years while she has been relearning the Catholic religion, where she was very active in Bible study, RCIA and the Hispanic community. She enjoyed playing cards at the senior citizen center. She retired in 2022 after more than 44 years with McDonald's, a job she took great pride in while raising her two sons, Curtis Kelley Chatham and Corey Kelley Chatham. She mentored many teens in the local community through her leadership and knowledge of the fast food world at McDonald's. While working for McDonald's she received her degree in "Hamburgerology" from McDonald's University. On February 7, 2023, she married Russell (Rusty) Smith after many loving years together. She was a devoted Mom and Mawmaw, who lovingly doted on her grandchildren. She was a fan of music, especially Cher and Alabama. Denise loved Mickey Mouse and anything to do with him. {/span}Denise left our lives unexpectedly and painless, Saturday, December 30th, 2023 at 9:56 a.m. with her loving sons, Curtis & Corey, and her husband Rusty, beside her at Norton King's Daughters' Hospital Emergency Room in Madison, Indiana.

Denise will be missed by her loving sons, Curtis Chatham and his wife, Krista of Madison, IN, Corey Chatham and his wife, Angie of Madison, IN; her loving husband and companion, Russell "Rusty" Eugene Smith of Madison, IN; her grandsons, Bryston Kelley Chatham, Briggs Lee Chatham, Aaron Presley Chatham, and Rayden Arthur Chatham; her granddaughter, Alica Chatham; her brothers, Gerald W. Kelley and his wife, Vicki of Hanover, IN, Bernard Kelley and his wife, Susan of Madison, IN; Rodney Kelley & his wife: Debbie of Madison, IN, Brian Kelley and his wife, Angie of Madison, IN; her sister in law, Carol Kelley of Edgewood, KY; Denise loved many children from a previous marriage that brought multiple families together; James Copeland (Lee), David Copeland (Dana), John Chatham, Julie Caldwell (Johnny), Debbie Reece (Delbert), Billy Joe Chatham, William Chatham (Kim). Many grandchildren who referred to her as mawmaw, great grandchildren, her beloved Ryker cousins, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur Louis Kelley; her mother, Bernadine Matilda Feider Kelley; her sister, Bonita E. Kelley; her brothers, William Frederick "Fred" Kelley, and Larry Arthur Kelley; her step son, Quinton Tyler Smith; her step son, Michael Shannon Chatham; her nephew and her niece, Christopher Scott Kelley, and Diana Lynn Kelley.

Funeral Mass will be conducted Friday, January 5, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Father Christopher A. Craig at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 413 East Second Street in downtown Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery, 305 West State Street in Madison, Indiana.

Friends could visit Thursday from 4 — 8 p.m. and Friday from 9 until 10:30 a.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre and the funeral procession will then begin to the church.

The Rosary was prayed on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to in memory of Denise to her Grandchildren's Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Virginia Ellen 'Jenny' Seabolt Snell

Virginia Ellen "Jenny" Seabolt Snell, age 74, of Hanover, Indiana entered this life on July 22, 1949, in Hominy Falls, West Virginia. She was the loving daughter of the late Arthur and Gladys Ombler Seabolt. She grew up and attended school in West Virginia, then moved to Jefferson County, Indiana in 1979. She was a homemaker and devoted mother and grandma. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Hanover. Jenny enjoyed spending time with her family, traveling, playing bingo, playing cards, and gardening. Jenny died on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at 11:43 p.m. at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, Indiana.

Jenny will be missed by her daughter, Deborah Lynn Bray and her husband, Wade of Madison, IN; her son, Danny Harrison Foster and his wife, Kathleen of Milton, KY; her sisters, Carolyn Kemp and her husband Thomas of Lexington, IN, Nancy Brock of Warrenton, OR; her sister in law, Vicki Seabolt of Colorado Springs, CO; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren,several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur Seabolt, her mother, Gladys Ombler Seabolt, her daughter, Linda Sue Kirby, and her brother, Charles Seabolt, Verl Seabolt, and Richard Seabolt.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 4, 2024, by Pastor Brad Envoldsen at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, Indiana. Interment followed in the Grandview Memorial Gardens near Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

William 'Bill' Everett Hardy

William "Bill" Everett Hardy, age 87, of Deputy, Indiana entered this life on October 19, 1936 in Jefferson County, Indiana at the family home near Chelsea. He was the loving son of the late Willie M. and Ruth Taylor Hardy. He was raised in Jefferson County near Chelsea and graduated in 1954, from Saluda High School. Bill was inducted into the United States Army on November 5, 1959 in Louisville, Kentucky. He rose to the rate of Specialist Four serving during the Vietnam War era. He was honorably discharged on February 16, 1962 from Fort Knox, Kentucky receiving the Good Conduct Medal. He was united in marriage to Shirley Ann Reece on October 24, 1959 in Lexington, Indiana. This happy union of 57 years was blessed with three sons, Mark William, Larry Allen and John Martin. Bill worked for ITT Thompson Industry in North Vernon as a set up man and retired as a shift supervisor with 25 years of service when it closed. He then worked ten years at North Vernon Forge as a die tech and set up man. He last worked at NTN Drive Shaft in Walesboro and retired in 2007 at the age of 71. Bill was a member of the Weston Baptist Church in Jennings County and held membership in the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion and the American Saddlebred Association. He resided in the North Vernon community from 1974 to 1990 and then he settled in the Deputy community. Bill will be long remembered for his love of horses and the many horses that he had. He enjoyed contest riding especially on "Mr. Money". He enjoyed caring for his livestock, coon hunting, pheasant hunting, dearly loved going to auctions, and raising his large family. He was a devoted husband, loving dad and proud grandpa. Bill died on Monday, December 25, 2023, at 10:57 p.m. at the Norton Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Bill will be missed by his loving three sons, Mark William Hardy and his wife, Rebecca Jane of North Vernon, IN, Larry Allen Hardy and his companion, Teresa Collins of North Vernon, IN, John Martin Hardy and his wife, Annette of Dupont, IN; his grandchildren, Matthew, Samantha (Ty), Autumn (Seth), Martin, Nelson, Olivia, Aiden and Lucas; his great grandchildren, Rilynn and Rhett, his brothers, Randall Hardy and his wife, Debbie of Lexington, IN, Charles Wesley Kloss and his wife, Tammy of Hanover, IN, Scott A. Kloss and his wife, Dawn of Madison, IN; his sisters, Elizabeth Fleming and her husband, Brad of Calvert City, KY, Theresa Handlon and her husband, Eric of Madison, IN, Mary Vest of Madison, IN; his sister in law, Joyce Gray of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Willie M. Hardy; his mother, Ruth Taylor Hardy; his step mother, Carol Hardy; his sisters, June Hardy Phillips, and her husband, Raymond, and Joan Elizabeth Hardy Long, and her husband, George, his beloved wife of 57 years, Shirley Ann Reece Hardy, died March 13, 2017, his step granddaughter, Theresa Marie Darst.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, January 7, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Bro. George Reece and Pastor Brandon Scroggins at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow at a later date in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana.

Friends may call Saturday, January 6, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and Sunday, January 7, 2024 from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

Walter Allen Beach Sr., 68, formerly of Ghent, KY, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, in Warsaw, KY. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, with interment in the Ghent Cemetery in Ghent, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Howard "Bob" Cunningham III, 66, of Pleasant, IN, diedFriday, Dec. 22, 2023, at his home.A celebration of life will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, at Bear Branch Volunteer Fire Department Building in Dillsboro, IN. Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Johnny Robert Flynn, 80, of Ghent, KY, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, at his home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5, at Garnett-New Funeral Home in Warsaw, KY, with burial in the Warsaw Cemetery there, www.gnmfh.com.

Judy Lynn Bates Taylor Lindsay, 78, of Carrollton, KY, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at The Springs at Oldham Reserve in La Grange, KY. A celebration of life will be 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at The Springs at Oldham Reserve in La Grange. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Carl Grover Rippey, 77, of Madison, IN, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Masonic services will be conducted at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, by Union Lodge No. 2 F. & A.M., at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Rosetta Staples, 94, Bedford, KY, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, at Baptist Hospital in La Grange, KY. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Joan Fredericka Tolliver, 89, of Carrollton, KY, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, at Signature Healthcare of Carrollton. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Carrollton Wesleyan Church in Carrollton. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

James Earl 'Jim' Smitley

James Earl "Jim" Smitley, age 73, of Lexington, Indiana entered this life on September 19, 1950 in Madison, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Kenneth Earl and Sylvia Wanda Davis Smitley. He graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 1968, and was a lifelong resident of the area. He was inducted into the U. S. Army on August 4, 1970 in Louisville, Kentucky. He rose to the rate of Sergeant E-5 during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on March 16, 1972 at Fort Lewis Washington, receiving Vietnam Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Overseas Bar, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 device. During his tour, he was an infantry squad leader in Vietnam. Jim was transferred to the Reserves and was honorably discharged on August 3, 1976. On July 13, 1977 he was united in marriage to Lisa Michele Sego. This happy union of 46 years was blessed with a son, Zachary. During his working career, he had owned Arco Office Supplies for 7 years, managed River City Mini Mart for 2 1/2 years, managed Super 8 Motel for 4 1/2 years, and served as a caregiver at the Jefferson County Youth Shelter, He worked at Barber Nursery for 2 1/2 years and M & T Chemical for 11 years. While he owned and operated Arco, he was proud to offer the first cell phones in Jefferson County and provided the first cell phones at the Madison Regatta for two years to help with coordination and service there. At M & T Chemical he received the nick name, "Big Foot" and it stuck with him the rest of his life. He was a past exalted ruler of the Madison Elks Club No. 524; and held membership in the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion and the Madison VFW Post No. 1969. He served as president of Hoosier Mini Stocks and Past President of Hoosier Hills Optimist Club. Jim also was a promoter of Indiana Crate Late Model Series, and the Northern All-Stars Late Model Series. He enjoyed his dog, Huckleberry, hand crafting copper flowers, sign making, landscaping, gardening, whittling, raising his miniature donkeys, and his chickens. He loved to volunteer for Southwestern Elementary School where he would tutor and provide miscellaneous assistance. Jim would also volunteer for the Veterans Clinic in Scottsburg where he would assist patients to use the online my health portal program. He volunteered with the adult literacy program at the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library. He also enjoyed being a Big Brother with the Big Brother and Big Sisters program. Jim enjoyed dirt track racing, restoring cars and spending time with his grandchildren. Jim was a kind and generous man, who gave of his resources in time, talents and smiles. During his difficult health battles, he remained jovial and loved to share his smile and positive attitude to make someone's day better and brighter. He was a gentle giant with a giving heart that will be long remembered. Jim died Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 5:46 a.m. at his home in Lexington, Indiana with his loving wife at his side after a battle with CLL Leukemia.

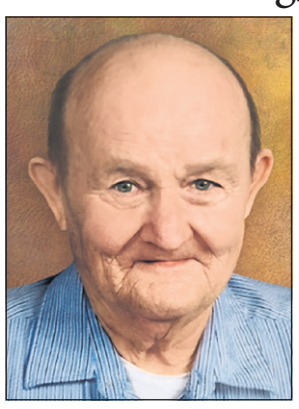
Jim will be missed by his loving wife of 46 years, Lisa Michele Sego Smitley of Lexington, IN; his loving son, Zachary Smitley and his wife Samantha of Madison, IN; his adoring grandchildren, Aaron, Alex, Allison, Bryson and Olivia; his sister, Donna Smitley of Madison, IN; his brother, William Smitley of Hanover, IN; his special nieces and nephews, Jacob Lowry and his wife, Karen, Beth Smitley, Jacob Lowry, and Raina Lowry; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Earl Smitley; his mother, Sylvia Wanda Davis Smitley; his brothers, Melvin Ray Smitley, Kenneth Wayne Smitley, and David Owen Smitley; his sister, Nancy Spivey, and her husband Louis.

Jim will be remembered in a celebration of life ceremony held Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, Indiana. Interment followed in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison, Indiana,

A final salute with military honors was provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Dream Foundation or the Arbor Foundation or the Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Carl Lewis Glesing, Jr.



Carl Lewis Glesing, Jr., age 79, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on August 10, 1944 in Madison, Indiana, the son of the late Carl Sr. and Betrica Leon Imel Glesing. He was a 1962 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School and resided in the Madison area his entire life. He served in the United States Army and then served in the Indiana National Guard. On June 25, 1966 he was united in marriage to Janet Louise Bear. This happy union was blessed with a son, David, and a daughter, Cyndi. He worked for five years at Reliance Electric, worked in construction of pole barns for many years, at Bob Hughes Lumber Company as assistant manager for several years, and was working at Jefferson Proving Grounds for 16 years as supervisor over test directors when he retired. He and Janet opened Glesing's Greenhouse at their home and ran it together for 13 years. He was a member of the Jefferson County Republican Party and served as a precinct committeeman. He was also an active member of the Rykers Ridge Fire Department for 22 years. Carl was baptized in the Lutheran faith early in life and converted to Catholicism later in and was a member of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church where he attended with his wife Janet. Carl served and was elected to two terms with the Madison Consolidated School Board and served the corporation faithfully. He enjoyed working, gardening, politics, fishing, and especially his grandchildren. Carl died on Monday, December 25, 2023, at 4:37 a.m. at the Norton Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Carl will be missed by his loving son, David Glesing and his wife Denise of Columbus, IN; his loving daughter, Cynthia White and her husband Joe of Ruckersville, VA; his adoring grandchildren, Nicolas Glesing, Kiersten Glesing, Andrea White, and Dominick White; his brother, Robert "Bob" Eugene Glesing and his wife Patsy of Madison, IN; his sister in law, Anita Butler of Canaan, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Lewis Glesing, Sr.; his mother, Betrica Leon Imel Glesing; his beloved wife of 57 years, Janet Louise Bear Glesing, died November 5, 2023, his brothers in law, Jim Butler, and Louis "Tony" A. Bear.

Funeral Mass will be conducted Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Father Christopher A. Craig at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 413 East Second Street in downtown Madison. Interment will follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery, 305 West State Street in Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Friday from 4 — 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 -10:30 a.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana.

The Rosary will be prayed on Friday, January 5, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Madison Consolidated Schools Education Foundation. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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William Edward Dulin, Jr.

William Edward Dulin, Jr., age 57, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on May 19, 1966 in Carrollton, Kentucky. He was the son of William Edward Dulin, Sr. and Linda Carol Carter Phillips. He attended school in Carrollton and received his GED. He was inducted into the United States Army on March 17, 1986 in Carrollton, Kentucky. He rose to the rate of Private Second Class serving at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He served in the Iraq War and was honorably discharged on September 7, 1992. He worked construction for several years in New York and other areas around the country, but due to suffering PTSD in the Army he eventually became disabled. He had held membership in the Carrollton American Legion and the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Junior enjoyed camping, being outdoors, working hard and riding his lawn mower. Junior died on Thursday, December 28, 2023, at 1:09 p.m. at the Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky

Junior will be missed by his loving mother, Linda Carol Carter Phillips of Madison, IN; his brother, Tim Carter and his wife, Judy of Walton, KY; his nephews and his nieces, Jacob Carter, Devin Carter and his wife, Bethany, Brittany Carter, and Brianna Carter; two his aunts, Darlene Wright of Carrollton, KY, Wanda Mefford of Carrollton, KY; his uncle, Paul Carter of Madison, IN; several cousins and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his brother, James Lee "Jamie" Lovings; his step dad, Delbert W. Phillips; his grandparents, Gaines and Edna Inman Carter.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 4, 2024, by Rev. Skip Napier at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, Indiana. Interment followed in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison, Indiana.

A final salute with military honors was provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Disabled American Veterans. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Aubra Mondal Browning

Aubra Mondal Browning, 85, of Madison, passed away at 11:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born November 7, 1938, in Pineville, Kentucky, he was the son of Estel T. and Lorene (Eads) Browning. He married Gloria Monday on December 22, 1981, in Cicero; she survives.

Surviving with his wife, Gloria, are his sons, Thomas Allen (Rachel) Browning of Butlerville and Donald (Darla) Trowbridge of Commiskey; brother, Coy (Sue) Browning of Cicero; sister-in-law, Vickie Browning of Arcadia; grandchildren, Natasha Trowbridge of Commiskey and Rowan Browning of North Vernon; and great-grandchildren, Adrianna Trowbridge and Melanie Thompson, both of Commiskey, Hadley Burress and Maverick Burress, both of North Vernon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Denver L., Thomas, and Gary Browning, and sister, Sandra Bergstrom.

A funeral service for Aubra will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024, at the Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Vernon with the Rev. Dale Boyd officiating. The visitation for family and friends will be held on Sunday, January 7, 2024, from 4 until 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Monday. Burial will follow in the Rush Branch Methodist Cemetery in Jennings County, with military graveside honors by members of Matt Hester Post #2021 V.F.W.

Memorials may be made in honor of Aubra through the funeral home to Our Hospice of Jennings County or Christ Community Church.

Understanding and Choosing Life Insurance
The Essence of Life Insurance

Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
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Life insurance, often misunderstood, is essentially a safety net for life's unforeseen events. It's a contract where you pay regular premiums to an insurance company, and in return, they provide financial support to your family if you pass away. This pact ensures your family's financial stability in your absence, cushioning them against the economic impact of loss.

The Spectrum of Life Insurance Policies
Life insurance comes in various forms, each designed for different life stages and needs:
Term Life Insurance: This type provides coverage for a specific period, like 10, 20, or 30 years. It's ideal for those seeking affordable, straightforward coverage without a lifelong commitment.
Whole Life Insurance: Offering lifetime coverage, this type provides lifelong protection against the unexpected while its cash value grows steadily over time. Perfect for those seeking stability and financial security alongside guaranteed death benefits.

The Significance of Life Insurance
The role of life insurance extends beyond mere financial transactions; it's a pillar of your family's future security:
Ensuring Family Well-being: It guarantees that your family can maintain their standard of living, even in your absence.
Debt Settlement: It can be structured to cover debts, including mortgages, ensuring your family isn't burdened by financial liabilities.
Funding Education: It provides a means to secure your children's educational future.
Providing Peace of Mind: Knowing that your family is financially protected brings a sense of security and tranquility.

Tailoring Your Policy to Fit Your Life
Choosing a life insurance policy is a personal journey. It should reflect your financial status, family needs, and long-term objectives.
Age, health, lifestyle, and financial commitments significantly influence this decision. Seeking advice from a financial advisor may provide clarity and direction in selecting the most suitable policy.

Dispelling Common Misconceptions
Several myths surround life insurance, often leading to hesitation and misconceptions:
Myth 1: "Life insurance is for the elderly." Truth: Starting young can lead to more affordable premiums and better coverage options.
Myth 2: "It's too costly." Truth: Term life insurance, in particular, can be surprisingly economical, fitting into various budgets.
Myth 3: "Being single means I don't need it." Truth: Life insurance can cover personal debts and support dependents or charities, making it relevant regardless of marital status.

The Application Journey
Applying for life insurance involves health and lifestyle evaluations. Honesty and accuracy in this process are crucial. These details help tailor a policy that truly reflects your needs and provides adequate coverage.

Ongoing Policy Review
Life insurance isn't a set-and-forget affair. Regular reviews and adjustments are necessary to keep it in line with life changes such as marriage, parenthood, career advancements, or new financial obligations. This ensures that your coverage remains relevant and practical.

Life insurance is more than a financial product; it's a testament to your foresight and care for your loved ones. It's about crafting a legacy of stability and assurance, ensuring that your family can confidently face the future. By embracing life insurance, you are proactively safeguarding your family's dreams and aspirations, making it a cornerstone of responsible financial planning.

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OBITUARIES

William 'Mike' Michael Foley

William "Mike" Michael Foley, age 72 of Hanover, Indiana, entered this life on July 8, 1951 in Paris, Kentucky. He was the son of the late William Ray and Betty Pauline Lowe Foley. The family resided in Lexington and Louisville before moving to Jefferson County in 1962. A 1969 graduate of Southwestern High School, Mike attended Ball State University his freshman year and then transferred to Indiana University Southeast where he attained his Bachelors and Masters degrees. On September 25, 1970, he was united in marriage to Cheryl Lynn Rogers. This happy union of 53 years was blessed with two sons, Ben and Grant. Mike retired in 2006 from Madison Consolidated Junior and High School where he taught social studies and English since 1973. He coached golf, football and tennis and later substituted also. Mike enjoyed his teaching career and was very involved with his students in field trips and going to Washington, DC to further his students' education and knowledge. He worked part time at Historic Madison Inc. helping with tours for the Lanier Home and the Saddle Tree Factory. Mike enjoyed playing golf, coin and stamp collecting, playing the guitar and spending time with his dog. He was a devoted husband, loving pop and the best papaw. He was a member of the Hanover Baptist Church and attended there for many years and most recently attended the Hanover United Methodist Church. After retirement, Mike would help wherever needed and for a time worked as a funeral service associate with Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres. Mike died on Saturday, December 23, 2023 at 8:03 p.m. at the Our Hospice of South Central Indiana in Columbus, Indiana with his loving family at his side.

Mike will be missed by his loving wife of 53 years, Cheryl Lynn Rogers Foley of Hanover, IN; his loving sons, Ben Foley and his wife Charley of Madison, IN, and Grant Foley and his wife Andrea of Greenwood, IN; grandchildren, Emma, Elizabeth "Ellie", Nolan, Layne and Macie; his sisters in law, Mary Alice Foley of Madison, Indiana, Pat Stoner and her husband, Jess of Hanover, IN, Jan Bayless and her husband, Rob of Oxford, GA; his brother in laws, Larry Rogers and his wife, Marsha of Lavon, TX, Tim Rogers and his wife, Carol of Hanover, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, William Ray Foley; his mother, Betty Pauline Lowe Foley; his daughter, Carmen Foley, and his brother, Steven Ray Foley.

Private family services were conducted Wednesday, January 3, 2024, by Pastor Luke Richards at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Hanover, Indiana. Interment followed in the Hanover Cemetery.

Friends and family gathered on Thursday, January 4 at the Hanover United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Hanover, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Hanover United Methodist Church or the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Edwin Claude Hardy

Edwin Claude Hardy, age 95, of Lexington, Indiana in Saluda Township entered this life on October 9, 1928 in Saluda Township in Jefferson County, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Claude Hilderbrandt and Lela Beryl Sutherland Hardy. Edwin died on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. at his home in Lexington, Indiana with his family at his side.

Edwin will be missed by his loving sons, Brandt Hardy and his companion, Becky Aldridge of Indianapolis, IN, Dallas Hardy and his wife, Dawn of Lexington, IN; his loving daughter, Jonita Hardy of Lexington, IN; Arleen Hardy Smith and her husband, Lee of Lexington, IN; his grandchildren, Jon Hardy, Jacob Hardy (Katiana), Alyssa Hardy Thomasson, Hannah Hardy (Matt Flora), Dalton Hardy (Emma Foley); his sister, Janice M. Stanley of Lexington, IN; his nephews and his niece, Marc Stanley and his wife, Jennifer, Derran Stanley, Edith Perschall and her husband, Clay; several great nieces, great nephews, cousins and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Claude Hilderbrandt Hardy; his mother, Lela Beryl Sutherland Hardy; his wife of 66 years, Juanita Laverne Taylor Hardy, died September 9, 2018, his brother in law, William Doug Stanley; his cousin who was like his brother, Colonel John N. Clapp, USAF Retired.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Dr. Scott Murphy at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, Indiana. Interment will follow in the New Bethel Cemetery near Chelsea, Indiana

Friends may visit Monday from 4 — 7 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Paynesville Christian Church or the New Bethel Cemetery Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Phillips takes over as interim principal at Milton

BY TAYLOR WILLIAMS
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

When Milton Elementary School Principal Amy Shinn agreed to head up Trimble County's Student Support Staff late last year, it created a immediate opening in the position Shinn was leaving at the school.

When asked to step into that void by Superintendent Todd Neace over the holiday break, veteran teacher Becky Phillips answered the call to serve through end of the school year while the school district advertised and hired a new principal.

Phillips is interested in leading the school both now and later.

"It seemed a great opportunity for me to just kind of move right in since I'm already familiar with the school and I can pick up with the initiatives we already have going and try to implement some new things to help us continue to grow," Phillips said.

Phillips is hopeful of applying for the position as full-time principal. But for now, she is excited for her new role, which includes supervising and evaluating personnel, guiding the curriculum, protecting and prioritizing instructional time, building a positive culture in the building, and more.

MILTON ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL BECKY PHILLIPS

"It's a good learning experience for me," she said. "I'm kind of getting my feet wet a little bit and learning all the ins and outs of administration."

Her new role with the school was announced on the Milton's Facebook page on December 27. She said the staff, students and public have been very supportive of the announcement. "I've had lots of phone calls, messages, visits, text messages, and I've had lots of gifts," she said. "It seems to be well welcomed and a lot of people are very excited for the change and anxious to see what happens."

Phillips has worked in education 26 years. Before coming to Milton, she began her teaching career at Southside Elementary School in Shelbyville, Kentucky, where she taught first and second grades from 1997 to 2002.

She moved with her family to Madison, Indiana, in 2002, and has taught at Milton ever since. She first taught visual arts and writing, then first grade and worked in the Primary Academy until she moved to teaching kindergarten three years ago.

Phillips said one of her favorite memories at Milton is launching the Primary Academy. "We were grouping kids together based on their abilities and we had multi-aged kids moving back and forth in the different subject areas and I worked very closely with that team," she said.

One of Phillips' goals is to implement authentic learning experiences for students. Instead of standard paper and pencil classwork, she wants students to do lesson-based projects like write a letter to the mayor, or create something that can be more meaningful to their education while still learning the skills needed schools strive to teach.

Although well known at Milton after two-plus decades at the school, a meet and greet with Phillips has been scheduled for 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at Milton Elementary. Phillips will be on hand to meet students' families and the public.

"We'll have several different stations set up for informational purposes of different things that are offered in the school," she noted.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

Jail Open House

1150 JA Berry Lane, Madison-
Saturday — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.{/span}

There will be an open house at the new $45 million, 300-bed Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Tous of the facility and lunch will be provided.

Ohio River Pirates

Lanier Mansion
Saturday, Jan 20

Lanier Mansion State Historic Site will host an event, Ohio River Pirates, for an exploration about pirates and diving deep into pirate myths and reality. The event, which is for youth ages 8-12, will be Saturday, Jan. 20, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is $8 per child with a 25% discount for Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites members.

Horn & Piano Recital

at Trinity United Methodist Church412 West Main St.
Friday, Jan. 12

Duo Giústo, with Reccca Salo on horn and Stephanie Pestana on piano, will perform a wide variety of music at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12, at Trinity United Methodist Church as part of the Madison Performing Arts Foundation series. Salo is the Consortium Horn in the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and an instructor at University of Evansville. Pestana grew up in Michigan where she was one of the state's leading pianist, and holds a master's degree in piano performance from Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Salvation Army Food Bank

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Noon to 1 p.m.
331 East Main St., Madison

A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags. For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry

100 East Second St., Madison
Tuesdays — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Fridays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity Methodist Church, Madison
Mondays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., will distribute free clothing for those in need each Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more info call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS

Madison Senior Citizens Center
208 West Main Street

Senior Meals

Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals again at the Madison Senior Center starting in November on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Suggested donation is $6 and there will be a trial run on Oct 24.

Game Days

The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison. The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The games are free and open to senior citizens.

HANOVER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Exercising

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Lunch

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center. Cost is $5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

RATES

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Madison resident Jarrett Boyd said she thinks the pool rates may not be affordable to those who don't qualify for the vouchers. She said a mother bringing three children to the pool will cost $20 for her and the children because children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult. "A lot of people may not be in great need but to spend $60 or $75 a week to come to the pool is going to be a great deal more than they can afford in this day and time, and that concerns me a little bit," Boyd said.

The pool will have a $5 daily fee for water aerobics with the availability of a monthly $35 water aerobics pass (three separate months of classes, 16 classes per month) or an $85 season pass for all three months. No refunds or make up dates will be issued for water aerobics due to increment weather and there will be a $10 replacement fee for lost cards.

Crystal Beach Aquatic Park will also be available for corporate events and party rentals during the months of June, July and August at a fee of $800 for two hours.

There were also concerns expressed about the noon to 6 p.m. operating hours that have been recommended Monday through Sunday with programming times being specified outside of normal public operating hours. No action was taken by the Parks Board on the hours.

Stephanie Hellmann, who operates a shop on Main Street, said her business is open until 6 p.m. five days per week, meaning that the pool will be closed when she's most able to use it. "When am I going to swim? Why would I buy a pass when I can't use it but only on weekends? It's hard to imagine families that have time to go swimming in the daytime during the week." She said the pool needs to be open more hours, noting that in the past it was open until 8 p.m. "I would strongly urge you to put evening hours in the pool because that's the only time a lot of us can get there," she said.

Nina Alcorn of Madison also asked consideration of keeping the pool open beyond 6 p.m. As a mother of teenagers, she said, "There aren't a lot of options in evenings" and "having this park that's so state-of-the-art is a great opportunity for these kids, and to have access beyond 6 p.m., especially when it doesn't get dark until 9 p.m., is a great opportunity."

Board member Phil Kahn noted the hours of operation "comes down to personnel" and having enough staff to be open those later hours. "If we can't find enough lifeguards to man those extra hours then it's not realistic. Hopefully we can but that's a problem in most areas in today's world."

Crystal Beach Swimming Pool was constructed in 1938 during the Great Depression by the Works Progress Administration, but because of its poor condition was demolished last year with the newly designed Crystal Beach Aquatic Park scheduled to open in May and be available this summer after being closed the last two summers.

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said Crystal Beach Aquatic Park is a "$10 million investment in our community. Let's make sure it's still around 50 to 70 years from now for kids and adults, and people visiting our community."

MUSIC

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do great," said Rob, "he has some fun new ideas for the place. And I think he's going to be surprised by all the cool stuff that just shows up at the front door. Vintage instruments. Family heirlooms. Weird and wonderful musical oddities. It's been a great 37 years, and I look forward to seeing where it goes from here."

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

First of all, whatever else you do this weekend, GO to the Central on Saturday to see The Low Glow. This is Woody Woodmansee's band out of Louisville, and they will glow you away. This is also a good week to look a bit further out and make plans to enjoy some future music events. The first is one of our classical music shows at Trinity Methodist Church, next Friday, Jan. 12, Duo Giusto will be performing. That same weekend Red Bicycle Hall will have Shelby Lore Band on Jan. 13. This is a ticketed show, so go to RedBicycleHall.com to get yours. And if you've never been to Obscure Neil Young Night at Thomas Family Winery, Jan. 27 is your chance to catch one of the coolest and funkiest musical events you've ever attended.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

AWESOME AERIALS

Above: "Sheep," a member of the Indiana Pacers Power Pack high flying, acrobatic, dunk squad, styles while soaring for a dunk during the group's halftime show at Southwestern's boys basketball game on Tuesday.

Above right: "Cam Jam," a member of the Pacers Power Pack, slaps hands with Southwestern's student section during their halfime show on Tuesday in Hanover.

Below right: "T-Rex," a member of the Pacers Power Pack, throws down a backwards dunk during the group's halftime show at Southwestern on Tuesday.

Photos by David Campbell

Providence dominates Southwestern in Top 5 battle

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Providence sent a message in its Top 5 battle with Southwestern, dominating every phase of the game in a 55-42 boys basketball win Tuesday in Hanover.

The Pioneers, ranked fifth in the Associated Press Class 2A poll (they moved up to No. 3 in the latest poll released on Wednesday) shot 61% from the floor — including a stellar 69% in the second half — while holding high-scoring Southwestern to 30 points under its season average.

It was a disappointing showing for the Rebels, who were hoping to prove they belong with the big boys in the state but instead were left with just more questions.

"The result tonight is disappointing but what was disappointing was, really for the first time this year, I didn't didn't see our boys focus and carry the game plan out into the game," said Southwestern coach Zac Nussbaum, whose team retained its No. 5 ranking in the latest poll. "This was a battle between top five teams. You shouldn't have to worry about focus. I didn't feel like the effort was bad. I just felt like the focus wasn't there. We told them you better be ready for physical play and if you get into the paint, you better be ready for your forearm to be smacked. And they just weren't ready for it."

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Southwestern's Peyton Cloudd (right) and Providence's Quinton Hesse battle for the ball during Tuesday's Class 2A Top 5 showdown in Hanover. The Rebels lost 55-42 for their second straight setback after opening the season 10-2.

Southwestern, now 10-2, is averaging 72 points per game this season but nothing came easy for the Rebels. They turned the ball over five times on their first six possessions but still only trailed 10-8 after the first quarter. Six more turnovers in the second quarter allowed Providence to ease out to a 25-12 lead and take control of the game.

Nussbaum said the Rebels' coaching staff emphasized all week the need to kick out and find open shooters against Providence's aggressive

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Southwestern's Jamison Lewis (33) blocks Providence's Noah Lovan (11) from behind during Tuesday's game at King Gym in Hanover.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Switzerland girls roll South Dearborn to advance to Rivertown finals

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County shrugged off a slow start and rolled to a 64-35 win over South Dearborn in the semifinals of the Rivertown Classic in Aurora on Wednesday.

The Pacers trailed 8-4 early but outscored Dearborn 18-0 in the second quarter and never looked back.

Bri Stow had 15 points to lead Switzerland while Courtney Higgins scored 12 points and Lauren Smith had 10 points and eight rebounds.

Switzerland, now 11-7 on the season, will face Lawrenceburg in the championship game on Friday. The Switzerland boys played South Dearborn in their own semifinal game on Thursday with the championship on that side set for Saturday.

CARROLL BEATS BOONE

Kaitlyn Hensley scored 25 points to lead Carroll County to a 59-56 win over Boone County on Tuesday at home.

Hensley had become the 11th player in school history to reach the 1,000-point mark last week. Madi Hicks added 16 points for the Panthers.

Carroll, now 3-9 on the season, travel to Sayre on Saturday in Lexington and host Gallatin County on Monday.

MADISON FALLS TO BROWNSTOWN

Madison dropped its sixth-straight game and eighth in the Cubs' past nine 54-50 at Brownstown Central on Tuesday.

Juliana Davis had 16 points to lead the Cubs while Mylee McQueary had 14 points and Caity Dailey scored 11.

Madison, now 7-8 on the season, hosted Charlestown on Thursday and travels to Silver Creek on Tuesday.

TRIMBLE SWEPT BY WALTON

Trimble County's basketball teams were both beaten by Walton-Verona in the opening round of the All "A" Classic Eighth Region Tournament in Walton on Wednesday.

The girls lost 49-38 with Jolie Wilcoxson scoring 13 points and Ainslie Stark adding eight. The boys fell 88-34. No details on that game were available.

The Trimble girls, now 7-6 on the season, host Henry County on Monday. The Trimble boys, now 3-12 on the season, host Henry County on Tuesday.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

BASKETBALL

Shawe girls at Oldenburg, 6 p.m.
Madison boys at Scottsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Shawe boys at Oldenburg, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys at South Decatur, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls vs. Lawrenceburg, Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

BASKETBALL

Switzerland Co. boys, Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn, TBA
Hanover men at Manchester, 2 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys at Shelby Co., 2:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls at Sayre, 3:30 p.m.
Hanover women at Manchester, 4 p.m.
Madison boys host Charlestown, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys at Hauser, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison, Switzerland Co., Madison Invite, 11 a.m.

WRESTLING

Southwestern, Providence Invite, 8 a.m.
Madison, Switzerland Co. boys, Shadday Invite at Madison, 9 a.m.
Madison, Switzerland Co. girls, IHSGWA Semistate at Mooresville, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 8

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. girls host Gallatin Co., 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls host Henry Co., 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. boys host Gallatin Co., 7:30 p.m.
Madison girls at Silver Creek, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys host Henry Co., 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison hosts Columbus East, 6 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Shawe, Silver Creek, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts Rising Sun, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Switzerland Co. hosts Southwestern, 6 p.m.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Hanover rolls over Anderson to remain unbeaten in HCAC play

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover women's basketball jumped out to a 20-2 lead after the first quarter and never looked back to roll to a 76-53 win over Anderson at home on Wednesday in a Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference matchup.

Anderson stopped the bleeding after the first quarter and was outscored by only four the rest of the way but the damage was done. Hanover won the second quarter 16-13 and the third quarter 21-18 before the visiting Ravens won the fourth 20-19.

Hanover seized the win on the defensive end. The Panthers shot only 39% for the game and hit only four 3-pointers, but held Anderson to 28% shooting overall while forcing 21 turnovers. The Ravens were 17-for-20 at the free-throw line, their lone bright spot in the game.

Grace Bezold, a junior from Covington, Kentucky, continued her All-American season with 22 points and six rebounds to lead the Panthers. Katherine Benter had a double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds and Kady Clancy had eight points and seven rebounds. In all, 12 different players scored in the game for Hanover.

Bella Larrison had 12 points and five rebounds and Makynlee Taylor had 11 to lead Anderson (6-6, 2-3 HCAC).

Hanover, now 7-5 overall, improves to 5-0 in HCAC play, and is tied with NCAA D-III No. 2 Transylvania (Ky.) atop the league standings. Hanover travels to Manchester on Saturday, then heads to Lexington, Kentucky, next Wednesday to take on Transy in its first of two showdowns with the defending national champions.

David Campbell

Hanover College head women's basketball coach John Jones (right) and assistant coaches Terry King (left) and Ashley Blanch (middle) react to a play during Wednesday's game at home. The Panthers defeated Anderson 76-53 to improve to 5-0 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

HANOVER MEN FALL TO ANDERSON

Hanover found itself down by 19 in the first half and never recovered in a 92-80 loss at Anderson in men's basketball on Wednesday.

The Panthers trailed 51-32 at halftime and although they outscored Anderson by seven in the second half, they couldn't climb out of the hole.

Ty Houston scored 28 points and had seven rebounds to lead Hanover. Max Greenamoyer had 11 points and Coleman Sater scored 10.

Hanover, now 8-4 overall and 4-1 HCAC, travels to Manchester on Saturday and hosts Transylvania next Wednesday.

David Campbell

Hanover's Grace Bezold (with ball) rises over Anderson's Brynn Beard during Wednesday's game at Collier Arena.The junior from Covington, Kentucky, led all scorers with 22 points and six rebounds and currently ranks sixth nationally in points per game at 24.3 points.

Reds sign contracts with Candelario, Montas

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Third baseman Jeimer Candelario gets a $3 million signing bonus as part of his $45 million, three-year contract with the Cincinnati Reds, a deal that includes a 2027 team option and could be worth $60 million over four seasons.

Candelario has salaries of $12 million this year, $15 million in 2025 and $12 million in 2026, and the Reds have an $18 million option for 2027 with a $3 million buyout.

As part of the agreement announced Dec. 12, Candelario will donate 1% of his salary each season to the team charity.

Candelario played for Washington and the Chicago Cubs last year, batting .251 with 22 homers and 70 RBIs in 140 games. The switch-hitter also had 39 doubles.

A New York City native who turned 30 on Nov. 24, Candelario can play first and third base. He also could be part of Cincinnati's lineup as a designated hitter.

Right-hander Frankie Montas, whose $16 million, one-year contract was announced Tuesday, can earn an additional $300,000 in performance bonuses for starts in 2024: $100,000 each for 18, 20 and 22. Montas has a $14 million salary this year, and his deal includes a $20 million mutual option for 2025 with a $2 million buyout.

He would get $100,000 bonuses for making the All-Star team, winning a Gold Glove or Comeback Player of the Year, or for World Series or League Championship Series MVP. He would get $250,000 for winning the Cy Young Award or MVP, $150,000 for finishing second or third, and $100,000 for fourth or fifth.

Montas was acquired by the Yankees from Oakland with reliever Lou Trivino on Aug. 1, 2022, for four prospects. Montas went 1-3 with a 6.35 ERA in eight starts with New York that year, later admitting he wasn't healthy.

He had labrum surgery last Feb. 21 and made his only big league appearance of the year on Sept. 30.

The 30-year-old Montas is 37-35 with a 3.90 ERA in 99 starts and 31 relief appearances for the Chicago White Sox (2015), Oakland (2017-22) and the Yankees.

"We are excited to add a pitcher of Frankie's caliber to our staff," Reds president of baseball operations Nick Krall said. "We are confident he will return to the form that made him one of baseball's best pitchers before he suffered the shoulder injury."

In his best season in 2021. Montas went 13-9 with a 3.37 ERA and 207 strikeouts in 187 innings.

He is expected to join a rotation mix that includes last season's top three starters Hunter Greene, Nick Lodolo and Graham Ashcraft.

Cincinnati previously signed a pair of free agent pitcher, giving Nick Martinez a $24 million, two-year contract and Emilio Pagán a $16 million, two-year deal. The Reds re-signed Buck Farmer with a $2.25 million, a one-year contract and gave third baseman Jeimer Candelario a $45 million, three-year contract.

To make room on the roster for Montas, the Reds designated catcher Austin Wynns for assignment.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Shawe's Braiden Smith and Hunter Mote and Southwestern's Ashley Fulton have been named Ohio River Valley Conference basketball players of the week for the week of Dec. 18-30.

Smith earned the honor in boys basketball after scoring 70 points and pulling down 29 rebounds in three games for the Hilltoppers.

Mote and Fulton shared the award in girls basketball. Mote had 49 points, 22 assists, 19 rebounds and 18 steals in three games for the Hilltoppers while Fulton had 90 points, 29 rebounds, 28 assists and 13 steals in six games for the Rebels.

• Hanover College's Grace Bezold has earned her fourth Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Athlete of the Week honor for the 2023-24 season.

Bezold, a junior from Covington, Kentucky, led the Panthers to a 1-1 record defeating Mount Union (Ohio) before falling in overtime to Muskingum (Ohio). The junior finished the week averaging 26.5 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

Against Mount Union, Bezold netted a game-high 28 points with eight rebounds while adding a game-high 25 points and nine rebounds against Muskingum.

Bezold currently ranks sixth nationally in points per game averaging 24.3. She has charted seven 20-plus-point games in 2023-24.

• Former Madison Lady Cub Jade Nutley had 16 points, three assists, three steals, two rebounds and a block in Indiana Wesleyan's 84-62 win over Spring Arbor University on Wednesday.

• Switzerland County's junior varsity girls basketball team defeated South Dearborn 63-30 in the semifinals of the Rivertown Classic on Tuesday.

Addie Kelso had 20 points and Kaitlynn Stucker 11 for the Pacers.

Switzerland, now 13-0 on the season, will face Lawrenceburg in the championship game on Monday.

• Southwestern's junior varsity boys basketball team lost 64-43 at home to Providence on Tuesday.

Caleb Seals had 14 points for the Rebels.

Southwestern travels to South Decatur on Friday and to Hauser on Saturday.

Haliburton gets help from Pacers' several reserves in 122-113 win

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — Tyrese Haliburton says the best thing about the Indiana Pacers is their depth.

That certainly was the case Monday night as Indiana's reserves sparked the Pacers to a 122-113 victory over Milwaukee that provided a happy homecoming for Haliburton and stopped the Bucks' 15-game Fiserv Forum win streak.

Haliburton had 26 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds to help Indiana overcome Giannis Antetokounmpo's triple-double. The Pacers outscored the Bucks 70-16 in bench points.

"We've got a lot of guys who can contribute," said Haliburton, who grew up about 90 miles north of Milwaukee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. "That's the best part about our team. Some nights, the starting lineup's got it going. Nights like tonight, where we come out slow, our bench has to come in and kind of wake the game up."

Bennedict Mathurin added 25 points and a career-high 13 rebounds for Indiana, and Isaiah Jackson had 18 points and nine rebounds. T.J. McConnell, another reserve, had 16 points and nine assists.

They helped the Pacers win on a night when they shot just 5 of 35 from 3-point range.

"I think we kind of hang our hat on getting a lot of 3's up," McConnell said. "When we make a lot of them, we're pretty tough to beat. But when we don't make them, it's typically hard for us to win. I tip our cap to this group. We just found a way and adjusted to our cold-shooting night and got it done."

Antetokounmpo had 30 points, 18 rebounds and 11 assists for his 38th career triple-double, and third this season. The two-time MVP is averaging 46.3 points, 13.5 rebounds and 4.8 assists in four meetings with Indiana this season, but the Bucks are 1-3 in those games.

They'll face off again Wednesday in Indiana.

"We've got to figure it out," Antetokounmpo said. "You just never know. You might see them in the playoffs. We're definitely going to see them again in two days. At the end of the day, this makes us better. It makes us better. We've got to go watch the tapes, figure out what they do well against us and try to stop it. And if we cannot stop it, we'll probably lose again."

Brook Lopez and Khris Middleton each scored 21 points for the Bucks. Damian Lillard had 13 points while shooting 3 of 16 overall and 1 of 9 from 3-point range.

The Pacers trailed by 15 in the third quarter before rallying to take a 90-89 lead with 10:12 left on a Jackson basket that capped a 19-5 run. The game went back and forth from there before McConnell scored six points during an 8-0 spurt that gave Indiana a 109-101 edge with 3:59 remaining.

After Middleton hit a 3-pointer to end the run, Haliburton responded with two straight jumpers to make it 113-104. The Bucks scored five straight to cut the lead to 113-109, but Haliburton drove into the lane for a three-point play with 1:20 left.

That enabled Indiana to keep the upper hand in this series, though Haliburton isn't ready to label it a rivalry.

"That's a team that's competed for a championship for multiple years," Haliburton said. "We're on the up-and-up, but we haven't been there yet. A lot of respect for them as a group. I don't think I can really call it a rivalry yet. But we're going to compete no matter who it's against, and we play these guys a lot during the year. We're ready when we see them."

After the Pacers won their first two meetings with the Bucks — including an In-Season Tournament semifinal triumph — Antetokounmpo set a franchise single-game record by scoring 64 points in a 140-125 win over Indiana on Dec. 13.

The teams had a skirmish in a hallway leading to the Pacers' locker room after that Dec. 13 game in a dispute over the game ball.

"This is a game that everybody was prepared for and everybody was ready for," Haliburton said. "I think again their words were we weren't ready for them physically (after the last matchup). I think we were ready today."

Indiana was missing Bruce Brown for a fifth straight game because of a bone bruise in his right knee, and Andrew Nembhard played just eight minutes before leaving with a sore back. The Bucks were without Mar-Jon Beauchamp due to a non-COVID-19 illness.

Steichen puts Colts on cusp of playoffs in 1st season

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts hired first-year coach Shane Steichen to take them in a new direction.

He wasted no time hiring assistants the players could trust, installing an offense they could embrace and making sure his rookie quarterback knew the playbook while urging the backup to stay prepared.

Now, they're on the playoff precipice because Steichen never viewed his first head coaching job as a rebuilding project. He expected to win from the start, and the players believed him.

"Shane made it very clear the expectations were very high," center Ryan Kelly said. "Execution fuels emotion and we've had a lot of fun doing it. I think you've seen that through the postgame (videos) and all the interviews he does, and the way we play. It's a combination of all those things and really believing that we can be whatever we want to be."

What they could be after Saturday, surprisingly, is playoff bound.

A fourth straight home victory would give the Colts (9-7) another season sweep of Houston (9-7) and their first postseason appearance since 2020. A win, coupled with a Jacksonville loss at Tennessee on Sunday, would give Indy its first AFC South title and first home playoff game since 2014, as well as a chance at its first postseason win in five years.

Outside of team headquarters, few saw this kind of turnaround coming after an abysmal 2022 season that included a constantly churning quarterback carrousel, a rare midseason coaching change and seven straight losses to finish a 4-12-1 season.

"I think all of the trials and tribulations we went through last year, it prepared us for the highs and lows of this season," linebacker Zaire Franklin said. "I just think that every time something happened, we just came closer together."

There were many times Indy's season could have gotten derailed, but Steichen deftly navigated the ups and downs.

2021 All-Pro running back Jonathan Taylor missed seven games because of injuries, started the season mired in an ugly contract dispute and took only one official snap with rookie quarterback Anthony Richardson.

Right tackle Braden Smith missed seven games with an assortment of injuries, Kelly entered the concussion protocol twice and top receiver Michael Pittman Jr. also had a concussion after taking a big hit that led to a season-ending suspension for Pittsburgh safety Damontae Kazee.

Seven players served suspensions.

There also was the quarterback situation. Steichen selected Richardson as the opening day starter after one preseason game, an announcement that disappointed Gardner Minshew, who followed Steichen from Philadelphia so he could compete for the job.

It didn't take Minshew long to prove his worth.

He relieved an injured Richardson in three of Indy's first four games, won his first start, at Baltimore, and took over for good when Richardson suffered a season-ending shoulder injury in Week 5.

Even after committing eight turnovers in Indy's next three games, all losses, Minshew didn't flinch, and Steichen didn't fret.

"He always gives us a chance to win and that's what you want in your quarterback," Steichen said when asked this week about Minshew. "Every time you step out, the players have a belief in him, the coaches have a belief in him and I think that's where it starts."

Minshew rewarded their patience by winning four straight to get the Colts out of the division cellar and back in the playoff chase. And given the young roster, Minshew's playoff experience from the past two seasons with Steichen and the Eagles allowed him to take on a more vocal late-season role.

So when the Colts came out flat for the second time in three weeks, a Week 16 loss at Atlanta, Minshew spoke up about playing with urgency. Steichen reinforced Minshew's message before and after last week's victory over Las Vegas, which put the Colts in this win-and-in scenario.

"I think his energy and confidence really come through," Minshew said. "This past game, he was fired up. He was fired up in the locker room before the game. I think everybody fed off that and I think it showed out there on the field."

That has put Steichen in position to join an unusual Colts club — the fifth consecutive first-year, non-interim coach to lead Indy into the playoffs.

Tony Dungy started the run with a four-win improvement in 2002. Jim Caldwell won 14 games in 2009 following Dungy's retirement. Chuck Pagano engineered a nine-win turnaround in 2012.

If the Colts win Saturday night (**TV:** Live on ESPN & ABC at 8:15 p.m.), Steichen would match Frank Reich's six-win improvement from 2018, and nobody in this locker room doubts they can finish the job.

"The message from Shane is it's a big game, but it's obviously the next game, right?" Kelly said. "So trust what we do, do the small things we've done all week, do them better than we've ever done them and trust what we do Saturday night."

ANALYSIS

Bengals' mistakes too costly as hopes for playoffs fall short

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jake Browning reignited playoff hopes after star quarterback Joe Burrow was injured, but the Cincinnati Bengals had too many other weaknesses in 2023 to earn another trip to the postseason.

Browning's exciting three-game win streak in December kept Cincinnati in contention. Even after Browning's three-interception, 34-11 pounding by the Steelers on Dec. 23, the Bengals still had a chance heading into the season's penultimate game.

The push for a third straight postseason appearance fizzled out with a 25-17 loss at Kansas City last Sunday. The Bengals were held scoreless in the second half of a game where Harrison Butker's six field goals were good enough for a come-from-behind win by the Chiefs.

Browning wasn't spectacular, but there was plenty of other blame to be distributed on the Cincinnati side. As was the case all season, the Bengals (8-8) had trouble running the ball.

Blitzes weren't picked up. The defense allowed too many explosive plays. Weaknesses in the secondary were exploited. Too many missed tackles.

No. 1 receiver Ja'Marr Chase played through a sprained shoulder joint, and receiver Tee Higgins injured a hamstring injury early in the game and tried to play on.

"We've had a lot of adversity," Chase said of the season. "We've lost a lot of people (to injuries) this year. It's not going to be easy. Even the best teams have tough times. That's how it's going to go."

Cincinnati will finish the season at home Sunday against the Browns (11-5), who have qualified for the playoffs as the No. 5 seed in the AFC.

"Unfortunately, not every year is your year," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said.

WHAT'S WORKING

The Bengals were better than expected with a backup quarterback whose previous NFL experience was limited to practice squads. Cincinnati was all but written off when Burrow, the franchise QB, tore a ligament in his right wrist against the Ravens. Browning went 3-3 as a starter and was outstanding at times. He earned respect and can be a reliable backup for the future if the Bengals can keep him around. Against the Chiefs, he threw for 197 yards and rushed for another score.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

The offensive line struggled to get running backs to the second level all season. Hanging on to a 17-13 lead in the third quarter on Sunday, Joe Mixon got stuffed for a loss on fourth-and-1 in the red zone. Browning was sacked six times.

STOCK UP

Mike Hilton has been steady at nickel cornerback all season. He was credited with five tackles against the Chiefs, including a blitz sack of Patrick Mahomes. He's fourth on the team in tackles, with two interceptions and two forced fumbles.

STOCK DOWN

Young safeties Jordan Battle and Dax Hill are still learning and often it shows. Mahomes picked them apart in the second half last week, and Steelers wide receiver George Pickens was dominant the previous week.

INJURIES

Chase and Higgins may not play in Sunday's season finale (**TV:** Live on CBS at 1 p.m.). Cincinnati may not want to risk aggravating their injuries in a meaningless game.

NEXT STEPS

Playing for pride, the Bengals face a Cleveland team that likely will be resting starters for the playoffs. Cincinnati wants to win the season finale at home for itself and the fans.

No. 1 Purdue handles Maryland

BY NOAH TRISTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Zach Edey and No. 1 Purdue dominated from the start at Maryland.

That might say a lot about the directions both teams have gone since last season.

Edey had 23 points and 12 rebounds, and the Boilermakers cruised past the Terrapins 67-53 on Tuesday night to snap their 19-game home winning streak. For a Purdue team that's trying to improve upon last season — when it was a No. 1 seed but lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to Fairleigh Dickinson — this was another encouraging sign.

Maryland coach Kevin Willard can only hope a matchup like this will give his own team a sense of how much it still needs to improve.

"By far the best team in the country. It's not even close," Willard said. "You look at their schedule, who they've played, where they've played, it's the best team in the country. But for them to come in here and do this to us on our home court, that should be a little bit of an eye-opener for everybody."

The Boilermakers (13-1, 2-1 Big Ten) won their sixth straight, having little difficulty with this offensively challenged Maryland team. Purdue hadn't won at Maryland since 2017. Although the Terps (9-5, 1-2) hung tough defensively for a while, they couldn't overcome the shooting woes that have made this season a disappointment so far.

The Boilermakers took an 8-0 lead and forced Maryland to take an early timeout. The Terps managed only 19 points in the first half and trailed by 13 at the break. Then Purdue quickly pushed the lead to 22 in the second.

"We really weren't that good, especially in the first half offensively," Boilermakers coach Matt Painter said. "We simplified what we did. The way they change defense and the way they do things, we didn't run as much stuff tonight."

Only Oral Roberts and Boise State (21 each) had longer home winning streaks than Maryland entering this game, but the Terps went down at Xfinity Center for the first time since December 2022 against UCLA. Maryland also had an overall five-game winning streak snapped.

Jahmir Young scored 26 points for the Terps, the only Maryland player with more than nine. The poor shooting by Maryland was across the board — 33% from the field, 5 of 22 from 3-point range and 6 of 11 on free throws.

"We missed seven wide-open 3s in the first half. I don't know how much more we can do when you get a wide-open shot," said Willard, whose team reached the NCAA Tournament last season and won a game there but is having a hard time building on that. "I'll try to put a new play in to get a wide, wide, wide open shot. Maybe that will help."

Braden Smith scored 14 points for Purdue and Lance Jones added 11.

LOOKING BACK

Although the Boilermakers became the second No. 1 seed ever to lose to a No. 16 in the NCAA Tournament, Edey does not sound surprised by their success so far this season.

"The way the season ended, I think a lot of people kind of counted us out," he said. "We were a No. 1 seed. We were one of the best teams in the country for a bunch of weeks and returned everybody."

BIG PICTURE

Purdue: The Boilermakers' defense vs. Maryland's offense always seemed like a possible mismatch, and Purdue's quick start took the crowd out of the game, pretty much for good.

Maryland: The Terps had some success on the offensive boards but were badly outplayed otherwise. Their offense simply isn't good enough to make them much of a threat to the top Big Ten teams at the moment.

UP NEXT

Purdue hosts No. 9 Illinois on Friday (**TV:** Live on FS1 at 8:30 p.m.).

Grambling women set mark for win margin

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAMBLING, La. — Grambling State got baskets early, often and in between from everybody to set an NCAA Division I record for margin of victory in men's or women's basketball with a 159-18 blowout of the College of Biblical Studies on Tuesday night.

The Lady Tigers' 141-point cushion topped Savannah State women's 155-26 rout of Wesleyan (Georgia) in November 2018.

Grambling led 34-0 before CBS scored its first basket with 2:14 remaining in the first quarter. The Tigers — who play in the Southwest Athletic Conference comprised of historically Black colleges and universities — led 46-6 after 10 minutes and 82-10 at halftime and allowed just three points in the third on the way to their record-setting performance.

First-year Grambling coach Courtney Simmons said Wednesday in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter, that her team's goal was playing its best basketball rather than running up the score against the startup program comprised of freshmen. The former Louisville, Tulane and Trinity Valley player noted in a phone interview Wednesday night with The Associated Press that none of her starters played more than 18 minutes and that her eight reserves combined for 92 points in brief rotations.

"We preach championship talk and our goal is to score 15 points every five minutes," said Simmons, attributing her philosophy to 10 years as a Troy assistant and recruiting coordinator under Chanda Rigby, whose squad ranked third nationally in scoring at 83.3 points per game.

"If we score 15 points every five minutes it means you score 120 points. So, that's our goal every game. ... For people who didn't see the game and don't take the time to look at the box score, I think is hard for them to understand like, 'Oh my God, how could they run the score up on them like that?' But honestly, we weren't trying to. That's why the players on the other team weren't upset and their coaches weren't upset."

Grambling's 72.9-point score average is tied for 91st among 348 DI teams. The Tigers (6-5) enter Saturday's SWAC opener against Prairie View A&M with impressive nonconference wins over Arizona State (70-67), Northwestern State (64-59) and Nicholls State (69-50).

Arianna Mosley had 27 points and Kahia Warmsley 20 off the bench as eight Grambling players scored in double figures and helped the team make 70 of 119 shots (59%). Alyssa Lowe scored eight points for CBS — a Houston-based Division II school that plays in the National Christian College Athletic Association — which hit just 8 of 43 (19%).

The Ambassadors (0-7) began their inaugural season of competition in October and the women's basketball website shows a roster of eight freshmen. The fledgling program has allowed at least 100 points three times and scored 22 points or fewer three times.

CBS President Dr. William Blocker said in a statement to the AP that the school has "a long way to go," but is excited for the new journey. Blocker added, "We also acknowledge the amazing talent at Grambling. What a historic evening for their team!"

NCAA AGREES TO $920 MILLION, 8-YEAR DEAL WITH ESPN FOR WOMEN'S MARCH MADNESS, 39 OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NCAA and ESPN announced on Thursday a $920 million, eight-year agreement that will give the network exclusive rights to 40 championships, including the Division I women's basketball tournament, an event growing in popularity that the association has been accused of undervaluing in the past.

NCAA President Charlie Baker told The Associated Press the deal has an average annual value of $115 million, an increase of more than 300% per year on what the previous 14-year deal with ESPN was paying the association.

"Yes, it's a bundle, but it's a bigger bundle and it's a bigger bundle that will be much better," Baker said.

The deal covers 21 women's and 19 men's sports, adding tennis, track and field, men's gymnastics, the women's Division II and III volleyball and basketball championships and the men's DII and DIII basketball championships.

The deal guarantees national championship events in Division I women's basketball, women's volleyball, women's gymnastics, and the second-tier of Division I football known as FCS will be aired on ABC, though it does not guarantee any start times.

ESPN will also air selection shows for at least 10 championships on its linear networks.

"We had lots of conversations with lots of third parties and lots of interested parties, but we stayed with ESPN as long as they continued to make progress on the deal," Baker said. "I do believe this was the best deal that was available."

Baker said the NCAA's media consultant, Endeavor's IMG and WME Sports, has estimated about 57% of the value of the deal — or $65 million annually — is tied to the women's March Madness tournament.

The popularity of the women's tournament has steadily increased during its time as an exclusive ESPN property, setting viewership records last year. The title game between LSU with Angel Reese and Iowa with Caitlin Clark drew nearly 10 millions viewers.

CFP championship game matches Penix against Michigan

BY ERIC OLSON
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

The matchup will be the most intriguing in the College Football Playoff championship game at NRG Stadium in Houston next Monday. That much was assured after the performances of Penix and Michigan's best-in-the-nation defense in the CFP semifinals Monday. Penix threw for 430 yards and two touchdowns in the Huskies' dramatic 37-31 win over Texas in the Sugar Bowl.

Michael Penix Jr. hasn't faced a defense like Michigan's, and the Wolverines certainly haven't faced a quarterback like the Heisman Trophy runner-up from Washington.

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Michigan harassed Alabama quarterback Jalen Milroe most of the afternoon and stopped him short on fourth-and-goal at the Wolverines 3 to finish a 27-20 overtime win in the Rose Bowl.

Michigan-Washington will be the third all-time meeting between 14-0 teams. The Wolverines are listed as early 4 1/2-point favorites, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

Washington will give the disintegrating Pac-12 a chance to go out in a blaze of glory. Ten of the Pac-12 programs are dispersing to three of the four remaining power conferences next season. The Huskies will join Michigan in the Big Ten.

Penix, who suffered major knee injuries at Indiana before transferring to Washington last season, became the first quarterback since Texas Tech's Patrick Mahomes in 2015-16 to pass for 4,500 yards in back-to-back seasons.

"I said it before the season started: Our goal is to win the national championship," Penix said. "Now we've got the shot to do it. Husky Nation, stand up. We're going to the natty. Let's go!"

The most recent Pac-12 national champion was 2004 Southern California. The Huskies' only championship was split with Miami in 1991.

That was the Huskies' last unbeaten team. College Football Hall of Fame member Don James was the coach, Mark Brunell was the quarterback and Steve Emtman was one of the most dominant defensive players of the era.

The Huskies will carry a 21-game winning streak — the longest in the nation — to Houston. Each of the last 10 have been decided by 10 points or fewer.

The Wolverines will play for their first national championship since they shared the title with Nebraska in 1997, the year team leader Charles Woodson won the Heisman Trophy and Tom Brady was the backup to Brian Griese.

This year's Wolverines are built around a defense allowing FBS lows of 243 yards and 10.2 points per game. Their pass defense gives up just 150 yards per game and has surrendered just seven touchdowns, the fewest in the country.

Michigan is the only Big Ten team besides Ohio State to reach the CFP championship game.

The Wolverines are 8-5 all-time against Washington and most recently won 31-10 in Ann Arbor in 2021.

Michigan turned in disappointing semifinal performances against TCU and Georgia the past two years. The Wolverines' breakthrough came after a tumultuous regular season. Coach Jim Harbaugh missed six games because of suspensions, three for recruiting violations and three in connection to a sign-stealing scandal.

Michigan's strength of schedule also was questioned until it knocked off a top-10 Penn State and beat Ohio State for a third year in a row.

"The fight started Week 1," quarterback J.J. McCarthy said. "Everything we've been through, all that adversity ... A team that goes through that adversity, it can't get to the heights we're trying to reach. We did a tremendous job of responding through all that and pushing through. We've got one more game, so the job's not finished yet."

Washington going for one more title before leaving Pac-12

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

NEW ORLEANS — The curtain will close on the Pac-12's final season as a Power Five football conference on the biggest stage in the sport.

Washington, one of 10 schools leaving the conference this coming summer, beat Texas 37-31 in the Sugar Bowl to earn a spot in College Football Playoff national title game against Michigan on Monday in Houston.

Lack of playoff success, or even participation, was one of several issues that brought upon the Pac-12's demise.

The second-ranked Huskies (14-0) snapped a six-year CFP drought for the Pac-12, winning the conference in its most entertaining and competitive season in years. The Huskies are just the second Pac-12 team to reach the championship game, and the first since Oregon lost the first to Ohio State after the 2014 season.

The last Pac-12 team to win a national title was Southern California in 2004.

"Happy for the kids," Pac-12 Commissioner George Kliavkoff told Yahoo Sports! after the game. "They don't deserve all the nonsense going on around them. We were focused on rebuilding football. Took 2 1/2 years. I wish it would have happened quicker. If some of our schools would have been a little more patient, it would have paid off."

The damage, though, was already done. Before the season even kicked off, the Pac-12 had been plundered by the Big Ten and Big 12.

Kliavkoff and the Pac-12 leadership's inability to land a media rights contract competitive with it Power Five counterparts caused its members to look for a better deal and more money.

The decisions by Washington and Oregon in August to move to the Big Ten, joining USC and UCLA, drove a dagger into the Pac-12, prompting Arizona State, Arizona and Utah to follow Colorado to the Big 12.

A couple of weeks later, Stanford and California found a landing spot in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Pac-12 is down to two now, Oregon State and Washington State. Those Pacific Northwest rivals plan to keep the conference alive with only two teams for at least another year.

But its days of being the conference of champions appear to be going away.

"Surreal. It's surreal," Kliavkoff told Yahoo Sports! "It's upsetting that some of our schools weren't more patient because if they saw what we were building it would have paid off."

McCarthy says sign-stealing saga masked work of players who 'did things the right way'

BY ERIC OLSON
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

Michigan plays Washington for the national title in Houston on Monday as the NCAA continues to investigate allegations that the Wolverines, over three years extending into this season, had a staff member do in-person advance scouting against NCAA rules and used video equipment to pick off future opponents' play-call signs from the sideline. Asked during a CFP media teleconference about the possibility of the NCAA ordering Michigan to vacate wins, McCarthy said it would be unfortunate for the players not to be recognized for what they've achieved.

The sign-stealing scandal that has hung over Michigan's season has overshadowed the work the team has put in to go unbeaten and reach the College Football Playoff championship game, quarterback J.J. McCarthy said Wednesday.

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"But at the end of the day," he said, "it's not going to change the amount of accomplishment and the amount of pride for being on this football team and just everything that we accomplished because we know what we put in, we know the work that we've put in, and we know that we did things the right way as players."

Coach Jim Harbaugh deflected a question about possible sanctions, saying he is focused on the game against Washington.

"I don't know if you want to live in rumorville or speculation, but we just don't really have any room to be doing that at this point," he said.

"That's done elsewhere."

The NCAA does not directly ban the stealing of signs, but there are rules against using electronic equipment to record an opponent's signals and in-person, advanced scouting of future opponents in season.

There are also rules against unsportsmanlike or unethical activities by coaches, and head coaches are generally considered to be responsible for violations that occur under them.

The Big Ten suspended Harbaugh for the final three regular-season games for violating the conference's sportsmanship policy. Harbaugh has denied having knowledge of sign-stealing activities. Michigan suspended Harbaugh for the first three games of the season amid allegations of recruiting violations.

McCarthy estimated 80% of college football teams steal signs.

"It's just a thing about football," he said. "It's been around for years. We actually had to adapt because in 2020 or 2019 when Ohio State was stealing our signs — which is legal and they were doing it — we had to get up to the level that they were at, and we had to make it an even playing field."

McCarthy later clarified that comment to The Associated Press.

"When I said we need to level the playing field, I meant in terms of how we change our own signs, how we develop our signs and how and when we distribute those changes when we know signs are likely to have been stolen," he said.

McCarthy and defensive lineman Mason Graham said they and their teammates put in significant time operating inside the rules to find clues about how opponents might react in different situations.

"We do watch so much film and look for those little tendencies and spend like 10, 15 minutes on one clip alone just looking at all the little details," McCarthy said, referring to the posture of linebackers or defensive linemen and differences in where cornerbacks and safeties are lined up.

"You could say it's all sign stealing, but there's a lot more that goes into play, and a lot of stuff that gets masked, a lot of work that gets masked just because of the outside perception of what sign stealing is all about."

Michigan defense ready for CFP title game after rising to goal-line stand

BY DAN GREENSPAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Wolverines built their return to national relevance on a live tackling, good-on-good, run-blocking vs. run-stopping drill that became the cornerstone of their practices. And when that very situation came up on fourth-and-goal at the 3 in overtime of the Rose Bowl on Monday, Michigan's defense turned preparation into reality.

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"I knew we were gonna win 'cause we prepare for that," running back Blake Corum said.

"We do 9-on-7 all the dang time, and we have such a stout defense, and I knew we were gonna win."

No. 1 Michigan (14-0) will need another resolute showing from its rugged defense to win its first national championship since 1997 in the College Football Playoff title game next Monday.

The Wolverines will face No. 2 Washington (14-0) and its high-powered passing offense at NRG Stadium in Houston.

How the Wolverines fared against No. 4 Alabama indicated they will be up for the challenge. When Jalen Milroe tried to run up the middle on a keeper to extend the game, edge rusher Josaiah Stewart barreled through right tackle JC Latham, allowing edge rusher Derrick Moore to knock the quarterback down after a 1-yard gain.

Every Michigan defender assumed the ball would be in Milroe's hands on the decisive play, whether as a runner or passer.

"I think everybody was expecting him to get the ball, to be honest with you, so the fact that everybody was able to bow up, everybody knew the situation and blocked the shrug block in, and the play played out how it did," defensive lineman Kris Jenkins said.

It was the same as in practice, only with the highest stakes imaginable. It was the culmination of a drill that has gone through many names, starting as "Beat Georgia" after Michigan was manhandled on both sides of the line of scrimmage by future NFL draft picks in the 2021 Orange Bowl, and then evolved into "Beat Ohio" to get past rival Ohio State.

"And I guess tonight it turned into 'Beat Alabama,' " cornerback Mike Sainristil said.

"You know, we put so many hours into those 9-on-7 drills alone, from spring ball to here, and now you really see like in the biggest moments how that takes shape," Jenkins said. "We're all being able to throw linemen like it's nothing."

Sainristil had absolute confidence the defense would be able to make the stop.

"We didn't hope," he said. "We knew. I feel like hope is when you can't see, hope is when you don't have enough belief, but we trusted everything. And we're able to go out there and get it done."

The defense delivered throughout the afternoon, even as its counterparts on Michigan's offense and special teams struggled. The Crimson Tide had touchdown drives of 44 and 55 yards, the first of which came after a muffed punt and the latter following the third of four Wolverine three-and-outs.

Coordinator Jesse Minter's unit allowed 288 yards on 66 plays, a miserly average of 4.3 yards per play. Michigan conceded just two plays of more than 20 yards, limiting an explosive Milroe-led pass game to a long of 29. They held wide receiver Jermaine Burton to four receptions for 21 yards after he came into the game averaging 22.2 yards per catch.

Facing the explosive passing of Huskies quarterback Michael Penix Jr., who threw for 430 yards and two touchdowns in the 37-31 Sugar Bowl win over No. 3 Texas, Michigan will need another strong outing from its pass rush. Five of its six sacks against Alabama came in the first half, and reliably constant pressure prevented Milroe from being able to unleash the vertical passing game that had been his best attribute.

Washington was able to keep Penix clean against the Longhorns, with its Joe Moore Award-winning offensive line holding the most productive pass rush in the Big 12 without a sack. Penix took advantage of the clean pocket to deliver five passing plays longer than 25 yards.

If Michigan can't get to Penix, it will be on Sainristil, Josh Wallace and Will Johnson to blanket an electric trio of wide receivers in Rome Odunze, Ja'Lynn Polk and Jalen McMillan.

Johnson was ready for the challenge before he knew who the opponent would be next week.

"It's on to the next one," he said. "Our mission all year was natty or bust, so we know we got to finish the job."

BATTLE

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defense. But Southwestern attempted only one 3-point shot in the first half as they vainly attempted to get to the rim against multiple Pioneer defenders.

"Our boys seemed to be surprised by how physical it was when they got in the paint. And we weren't looking for the kick out whenever the defense collapsed," Nussbaum said. "It was just really, really shocking to see our boys continuously making the same mistakes."

Providence (9-1) built its lead to as many as 23 (49-26) in the second half before Southwestern's offense finally began executing. The 13-point final margin was the closest the game got in the second half.

Jamison Lewis scored 13 points and Landon Kidwell had 11 to lead Southwestern but no other Rebel starter had more than five.

Noah Lovan had 17 points and Quinton Hesse scored nine to lead Providence.

The loss, combined with a 61-60 setback to Floyd Central last Saturday, means Southwestern has now lost two-straight after opening the season on a 10-game win streak. The Rebels have a pair of road games this weekend, at South Decatur (6-4) and at Hauser (9-1), and Nussbaum is hoping that his team gets back on the winning track.

"I said in the locker room that the only way this is a failure tonight is if we don't learn for it. That's what I said about the Floyd Central game and we did not learn from that," Nussbaum said. "I really believe in these kids. They are great kids, some of the best kids you can coach. I truly believe in my heart that they're gonna learn from tonight."

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN ANN GRIFFIN, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Stacey Luellen was, on the 13th day of December, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Karen Ann Griffin, deceased, who died on the 25th day of February, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 13th day of December, 2023.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN
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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-2312-ES-000088
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
DOLORES A. TOTTEN,, DECEASED.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOLORES A. TOTTEN, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Robert D. Totten Jr. was, on the 15th day of December, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Dolores A. Totten, deceased, who died on the 9th day of August, 2018.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
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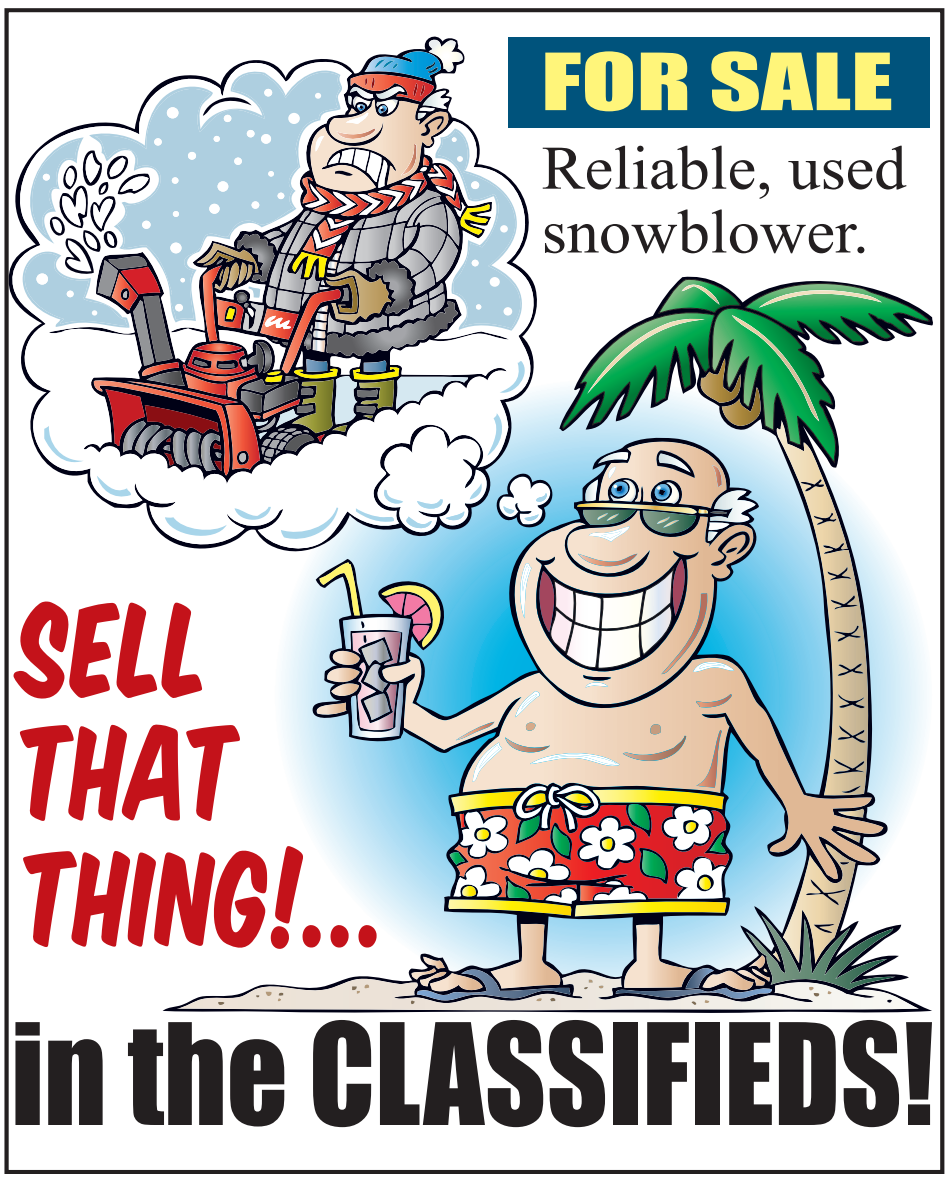

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Purdue remains No. 1 in AP poll

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Purdue remained atop the AP Top 25 men's college basketball poll for the third straight week Monday, while Gonzaga dropped to No. 24 after a loss to San Diego State but kept alive its streak of 142 consecutive weeks in the poll.

The Boilermakers picked up three more first-place votes and had 49 of 63 from the national media panel, easily outdistancing second-place Kansas, which received five first-place nods. Houston remained third despite keeping its perfect record intact with a victory over Penn and picking up the other nine first-place votes.

UConn and Tennessee each moved up one spot to round out the top five following Arizona's loss to Stanford on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs fell 11 spots from No. 13 after their 84-74 loss to San Diego State. Gonzaga has been ranked in every poll since Jan. 11, 2016, but that streak is in jeopardy after coach Mark Few's team dropped to 9-4 with no Quad 1 wins this season.

"These guys have some great fight and spirit and a lot of substance to them," Few said, "but at this point, we should be pretty well along on our way on some of the mental errors we're making, and we're just not quite."

The Bulldogs were 11th in the preseason poll and climbed as high as seventh before three losses in their past five games.

"We've got to keep that fight," Few said, "and we have to clean up some of these missed assignments."

Arizona coach Tommy Lloyd knows something about missed defensive assignments. The Wildcats, who spent two weeks at No. 1 earlier this season, fell from fourth to 10th after the Cardinal rolled to a 100-82 victory in their Pac-12 matchup.

The Wildcats' second loss in three games allowed a bunch of teams to jump ahead of them: Kentucky climbed two spots to sixth, Marquette moved up three spots to seventh, North Carolina rose to eighth and Illinois climbed two spots to ninth.

Oklahoma began the next 10, with Big 12 newcomer BYU right behind. Colorado State climbed back to No. 13 to match the best ranking in school history, set earlier this season, while Duke, Memphis and Clemson were right behind the Rams.

FAU dropped from a program-best seventh to No. 17 as voters grappled with the odd resume the Owls have put together this season. They beat Texas A&M and earned a marquee win with a double-overtime victory over Arizona, but they lost to Bryant and were upset by Florida Gulf Coast on Saturday night.

"They outplayed us in every facet of the game," Owls coach Dusty May said afterward. "As a group, we haven't handled success as well as we need to. As we close the 2023 preconference schedule, we are pleased where we are overall, but what we learned is our highs are very highs and our lows are relatively low."

Baylor was No. 18, with James Madison and Texas rounding out the top 20. The final five in the first poll of 2024 were Wisconsin, unbeaten Mississippi, Providence, struggling Gonzaga and Auburn, which is ranked for the first time this season.

RISING AND FALLING

Memphis made the biggest positive move, climbing four spots to No. 15 after beating Austin Peay, while Marquette rose three spots to seventh after knocking off No. 22 Creighton on Saturday. Gonzaga dropped 11 spots, FAU fell 10 and Arizona dropped six as they took losses on what was a relatively light slate of games during the holidays.

South Carolina still No. 1 in AP women's basketball Top 25 poll

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

South Carolina started the new year where it finished off 2023 — atop The Associated Press women's basketball poll.

The Gamecocks received 34 of the 35 first-place votes from a national media panel Monday. They had been unanimous the previous six weeks.

UCLA got the other No. 1 vote after beating then-No. 6 USC in a Los Angeles showdown Saturday. The No. 2 Bruins have now defeated four top-25 teams this season, with two wins coming at neutral sites and one on the road.

Syracuse entered the poll at No. 25, marking its first appearance since Jan. 18, 2021. The Orange beat then-No. 13 Notre Dame on Sunday. The Irish fell to 16th. The Orange (11-1) have lost this season only to Maryland and will next play at North Carolina on Thursday. Syracuse is off to its best start since 2017-18 and the Orange hope to make the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2021.

The Tar Heels fell out of the Top 25, ending a 34-week streak in the poll. That was the seventh-longest active run.

No. 3 North Carolina State and Iowa followed UCLA. Colorado moved up three spots to No. 5 after a win over then-No. 12 Utah.

Baylor climbed in the rankings to No. 6, up four places after a win over then-No. 5 Texas. The Longhorns, who lost star Rori Harmon to an ACL injury last week, dropped to 10th.

No. 7 LSU, Stanford and USC followed the Bears.

CLIMBING THE RECORD BOOKS

Iowa star Caitlin Clark moved into fifth on the Division I all-time scoring list after a 35-point effort in a win over Minnesota. She has 3,149 points and trails Kelsey Plum (3,527), Kelsey Mitchell (3,402), Jackie Stiles (3,393) and Brittney Griner (3,283).

Clark also moved to No. 1 on the Big Ten all-time assists list with 904. She passed Samantha Prahalis' 901 and has helped the Hawkeyes to a 10-game winning streak, their longest since 2004-05.

RISING HUSKIES

UConn moved up three spots to No. 12 after routing then-No. 18 Marquette on Sunday. The Huskies steadily have climbed in the poll after falling to a 30-year low of 17th in early December. Next up for Geno Auriemma's team is a trip to Nebraska to face No. 21 Creighton on Wednesday.

FRIDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Dr. Death (N)				Dateline NBC		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	The Cedy		Fire Country		Blue Bloods		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Dr. Death (N)				Dateline NBC		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Penn & Teller		Master..	Animals	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)				News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)				News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Comm..	Week	Buffalo "Blood Memory"				BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Fri. Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	The Cedy		Fire Country		Blue Bloods		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Penn & Teller		Master..	Animals	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Fri. Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		Casey Anthony's		
AMC	29	26	(5:00) ✯★★★ Die Hard ('88)				✯★★★ Tombstone ('93) Val Kilmer, Kurt Russell.						Movie
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	J.Dun..
DISC	31	38	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush "Succession" (N)				Outback (N)		GoldR..
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Kiff	Big City	Big City	✯ Monsters University			Monst..	Monst..	Monst..	Monst..
ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		NBA	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball		
FREE	18	40	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	700Club
FX	40	28	(4:30) ✯ Once Upon a Time... In Hol...				✯★ Baywatch ('17) Dwayne Johnson.					✯★ Baywatch	
HBO	201	17	(:05) ✯★★★ Scream 4 ('11) (P)				✯★ I, Frankenstein ('14)			(:35) ✯★★★ The Nun ('18)			Movie
MAX	270	73	(:15) ✯★★★ Predators ('10)				✯★★★★ Black Mass ('15)				(:05) ✯ Out of the Furnace		
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	✯★★★★ World War Z ('13) Brad Pitt.					✯ World War Z	
SHOW	221	16	(5:30) ✯★★★★ The Fabelmans ('22)				✯★★★★ Arrival ('16) (P)				✯★★★★ Jules ('23)		
TMC	233	74	(5:50) ✯★★★ The Best Offer ('13)				✯★★★ The Whale ('22)				✯ The Starling Girl ('23)		
TNT	27	43	Movie	(:55) ✯★★★★ Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith ('05)							Rampage (SP)		Movie
USA	26	33	(4:35) ✯ The Dark Knight Rises				✯★★★ Iron Man 2 ('10) (P)					(:50) 9-1-1	

SATURDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Chefs	Song	America's Got "Qualifiers 1"				SNL		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	Sheldon	Sheldon	CSI: Vegas		48 Hours		48 Hours (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News (N)		NBCN..	Let'sT..	America's Got "Qualifiers 1"				SNL		News
8 WISH	12		News	IntoWi..	The Rookie		✯★★★★ I Am Chris Farley ('15) (P)				News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		(4:30) NFL Football			Count..	Football Houston Texans at Indianapolis Colts (N)						News
11 WHAS	11	4	(4:30) NFL Football			Count..	Football Houston Texans at Indianapolis Colts (N)						News
15 WKPC	13		Antiques		TimFa..	RedGr..	Kentuc..	Ky.Afi..	✯★★ The Addams Family ('91)				Austin
19 WXIX	10		Wheel	Jeopar..	TBA	Tip-Off	Basketball Ohio State at Indiana				FOX19 (N)		Shazam
32 WLKY	5	5	WLK..	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	CSI: Vegas		48 Hours		48 Hours (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	JudgeJ..	JudgeJ..	TwoM..	TwoM..	✯★★★★ I Am Chris Farley ('15) (P)				The Rookie		9-1-1
41 WDRB	8	9	The Equalizer		M*A*..	Tip-Off	Basketball Ohio State at Indiana				WDRB News		Shazam
A&E	28	36	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Buddy (N)		Neighb..
AMC	29	26	(5:00) ✯★★★★ Tombstone ('93)				✯★★★ The Day After Tomorrow ('04)					✯ Star Trek Int...	
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	✯ Step Brothers	
DISC	31	38	Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedi..
DISN	25	29	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Hailey	✯★★★ Rio 2 ('14)			(:45) Kiff	(:10) Kiff	(:35) Kiff	Kiff
ESPN	32	44	(4:30) NFL Football			Count..	Football Houston Texans at Indianapolis Colts (N)						Postga..
FREE	18	40	Movie	(:50) ✯★★★ The Other Woman ('14) Cameron Diaz.						(:25) ✯★★★ The Boss ('16)			
FX	40	28	✯★★★ Fast & Furious 6 ('13) Vin Diesel.						✯★★★ The Fate of the Furious ('17)				
HBO	201	17	(:15) ✯★★★ Get Hard ('15)				✯★★★ Ted 2 ('15) Mark Wahlberg.				✯★★★★ Spy ('15)		
MAX	270	73	(:15) ✯★★★ The Dead Don't Die				✯★★★★ I Love You, Man			(:45) ✯★★★ Horrible Bosses 2 ('14)			
NEWSNTN	20	20	Blue Bloods		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	(5:30) ✯★★★★★ Forrest Gump ('94)					✯★★★★★ The Shawshank Redemption ('94)					
SHOW	221	16	✯★★★ Michael Clayton ('07) (P)				✯ Warrior Strong (P)			(:40) ✯★★★ Southpaw ('15)			
TMC	233	74	(:05) ✯★★★ Beowulf ('07)				✯ You're Killing Me			(:35) ✯ Student Body ('22)			Movie
TNT	27	43	(5:00) ✯ Star Wars: Return of the J...				Wrestling: Collision (N) (SP)				✯ Star Wars: A New Hope		
USA	26	33	9-1-1		9-1-1 "Cursed"		Supercross Monster Energy Series, Round 1 (N)						9-1-1

SUNDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Football (N)		(:15) NFL Football Buffalo Bills at Miami Dolphins (N) (Live)						
4 WTTV	4		(4:25) NFL Football			TBA	81st Annual Golden Globe Awards (N) (Live)						CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	Football (N)		(:15) NFL Football Buffalo Bills at Miami Dolphins (N) (Live)						
8 WISH	12		News	Retire..	✯★★★ The Wedding Planner ('01)					Conners	News	Sports	News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	Fun Videos (N)		✯★★★ Solo: A Star Wars Story ('18)						News
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Fun Videos (N)		✯★★★ Solo: A Star Wars Story ('18)						News
15 WKPC	13		Last/..	KeepUp	Worsley		Miss (N) (SP)		Creatures (SP)		Funny Wo (P)		Summ..
19 WXIX	10		(4:25) NFL Football			The OT	Grims..	Krapo..	Burgers	-North	FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	(4:25) NFL Football			TBA	81st Annual Golden Globe Awards (N) (Live)						News
34 WBKI	7	7	BigBa..	BigBa..	✯★★★ The Wedding Planner ('01)					Conners	Good Dr		House..
41 WDRB	8	9	(4:25) NFL Football			The OT	Grims..	Krapo..	Burgers	-North	WDRB News		Paid
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	(4:30) ✯ Day Afte...		✯★★★★ Men in Black ('97)				✯★★★ Men in Black II ('02)				Movie
COM	45	59	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..
DISC	31	38	Homestead Rescue				Homestead "Texas Rift" (N)				Homestead		Homes..
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	✯★★★★★ Finding Nemo			Hailey	Hailey	Hailey	Hamst..
ESPN	32	44	(5:00) Basketball		SportCtr (N)		Championship Drive (N) (Live)				Playoff	Playoff	SportC..
FREE	18	40	Movie	(:40) ✯★★★ The Princess Diaries ('01)					(:20) ✯ Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement				
FX	40	28	(5:00) ✯ Fast & Furious Presents: H...				✯★★★ Ghostbusters: Afterlife ('21)					✯ Ghostbusters...	
HBO	201	17	(5:50) ✯★★★★ Trainwreck ('15)				✯ Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps				✯ Live Free or Die Hard		
MAX	270	73	Movie	(:25) ✯ Hotel Artemis (P)			✯★★★ The Sentinel ('06)			(:50) ✯★★★ Knowing ('09)			
NEWSNTN	20	20	Blue Bloods		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		BarRe..
SHOW	221	16	(:55) ✯★★★ Shooter ('07) (P)				Mayor of (N)		The Curse (N)		✯★★★★ Jules ('23) (P)		
TMC	233	74	Movie	(:25) ✯ Buddy Games: Spr...			✯★★★★ Mean Girls (P)			(:40) ✯ Perks of Being a Wallflower			
TNT	27	43	(5:45) ✯★★★★ Star Wars: The Last Jedi ('17)						✯★★★ Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker				
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU "P.C."		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..

MONDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	America's Got "Qualifiers 2" (N)				The Irrational		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	America's Got "Qualifiers 2" (N)				The Irrational		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Penn & Teller		Master..	Animals	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields						News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields						News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Kentucky (N)		The Story of ...		Inheritance (N)		BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Hell's Kitchen		Name-Tune		FOX19		FOX19
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DISN	25	29	Kiff	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Jessie
ESPN	32	44	(5:00) GameDay		BowlG..	Nat'l Champ. Washington vs. Michigan (N) (Live)							BowlG..
FREE	18	40	Movie	✯★★★★ Tangled ('10)				✯★★★★ Raya and the Last Dragon ('21)					700Club
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SHOW	221	16	(5:00) ✯★★★★★ The Godfather ('72)				Halo (N)		Halo (N)		✯★★★★ World War Z		
TMC	233	74	Movie	✯ Snag ('23)			✯★★★ Shooter ('07) (P)				(:05) ✯ Four Brothers (P)		
TNT	27	43	(5:30) ✯ The Silence of the Lambs				✯★★★★ Joker ('19) Joaquin Phoenix.				✯ Silence of the ...		
USA	26	33	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live)						Bar (N)

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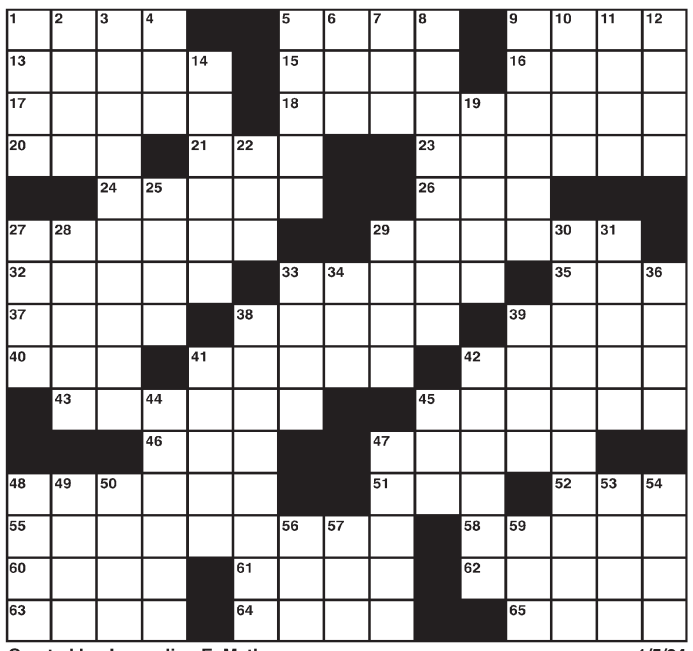
ACROSS
1 "__ Breaky Heart"
5 Brody or Baldwin
9 Fireproof box
13 Courted
15 Cougar
16 Revolve
17 Make amends
18 Left high and dry
20 Nevertheless
21 Vehicle
23 Gives a speech
24 Vote into office
26 In good shape
27 Basset or basenji
29 Bosoms
32 Modify
33 Over 70 million Asians
35 "__ Lazy River"
37 Bowler's target
38 Sassy children
39 Nursery item
40 Beau, to Lloyd
41 __ down; loses weight
42 Can wrapper
43 Part of GPS
45 Read casually
46 "He Ain't Heavy, __ My Brother"
47 "This too __ pass"
48 Albert & Fisher
51 Flip one's __; freak out
52 Yellowstone grazer
55 Flamboyant
58 "Sesame Street" character
60 Backyard access
61 Heat in the microwave
62 Stallone film role
63 Night twinkler
64 Hold tightly
65 Stingers

DOWN
1 Out of the office
2 Pigeon coop
3 Folk music jam session
4 Japan's dollar
5 Separated
6 Give a nickname to
7 Drs.' org.
8 __ word; trustworthy fellow
9 Weasels
10 Rosemary Clooney, to George
11 Set loose
12 Concludes
14 Good enough
19 Uses a towel
22 Part of a royal flush
25 Cold sore sites
27 Beanies
28 Farewell
29 Fifth-longest-running Broadway show
30 Disorder; unrest
31 Undercover agents
33 Brief haircut
34 Entrée choice
36 Isn't __ to; can't
38 Godsend
39 Rob Reiner's dad
41 Trusty horse
42 Front-runner
44 Black eye
45 Fraternity letter
47 Nod off
48 __ on; encourages
49 Mild oath
50 Facts & figures
53 Be fond of
54 Car starters
56 "__ Father, Who art…"
57 __ lift; T-bar
59 Burglarize



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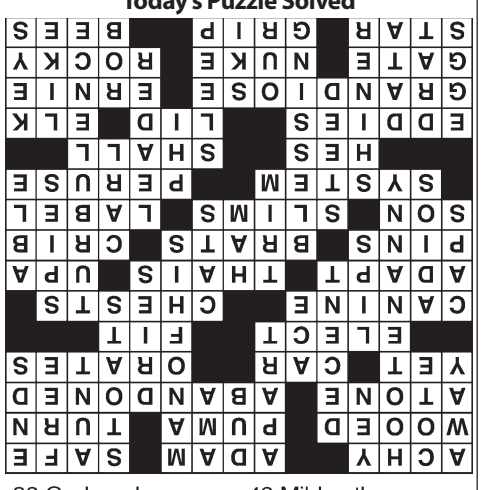

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5 Aerosol
10 Delete
14 Word attached to sky or air
15 Ostrich feather
16 Pleasant
17 At __; on bad terms
18 Thought back with pleasure
20 Tiny
21 Take in a harvest
22 Essentials
23 Defraud
25 Social insect
26 Protective plate
28 Runs out of
31 Actor Affleck
32 Instrument from India
34 Old horse
36 Gung ho
37 Lucifer
38 Molten rock
39 Pastor's title: abbr.
40 Swampland
41 Slightly more than a quart
42 Kathmandu resident
44 Measly
45 Ms. McClanahan
46 Tripoli's nation
47 General Mills cold cereal
50 Panhandles
51 Let it all out
54 Blizzards
57 "Stop right there!"
58 "Well, that went over like __ of bricks!"
59 Underway
60 Steerer's place
61 Decays
62 Brown/orange shade
63 Anthology entries

DOWN
1 Farm machine
2 Conceal
3 Wishy-washy
4 "__ Miserables"
5 Bed covering
6 Skirt fold
7 __ roast; cut of beef
8 "What Kind of Fool __?"
9 Craving
10 Beginnings
11 Household pests
12 Frosted
13 DiBiase & DiBiase Jr.
19 __ tube; pool toy
21 __ on; have confidence in
24 Pay attention to
25 As comfortable __ old shoe
26 Indelible mark
27 Shelter
28 Western state
29 Having no significant other
30 Asphalt layer
32 Flowing dress
33 Part of TGIF
35 Actor Cooper
37 Store event
38 Mrs. Herman Munster
40 Handles roughly
41 Some science classes
43 Seafood platter favorites
44 Messy dwelling
46 Yellow fruit
47 Emperor of old
48 "__ bigger and better things!"
49 Tap the horn
50 Forehead
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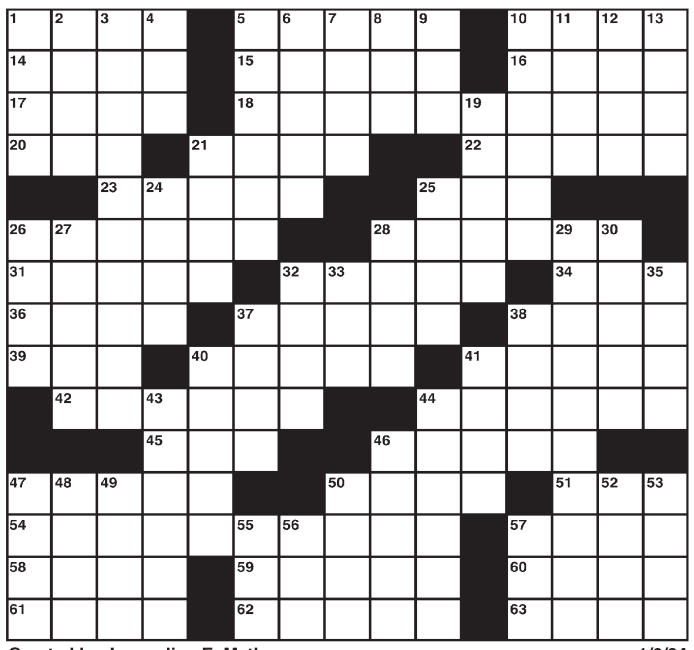
53 Candied __; side dish
55 Tit for __
56 "Son __ gun!"
57 Which person?



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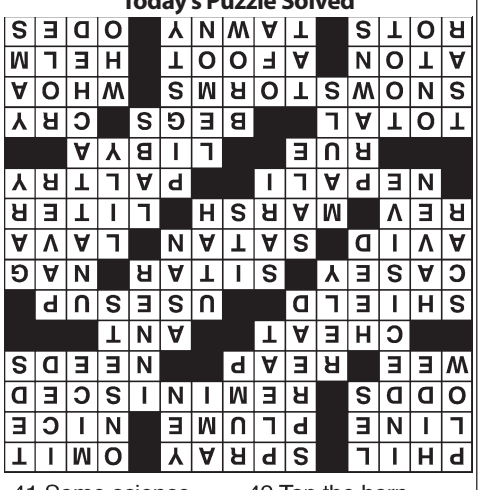

Husband's diagnosis has social implications

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: My husband of 30 years was recently diagnosed with ADHD and Autism Spectrum Disorder. We are moving to a new town. What can I say to people that want to do "couple" dates, or who ask why he doesn't accompany me?

He is a wonderful husband and has been a great provider. He just prefers a lot of time alone and does not enjoy chit-chat or meeting new people. We have lived where we are now since childhood, so he has a comfort level with a few select friends, and people just kind of know that he is not interested in gatherings or double dates.

Do you have a suggestion for how to communicate about this?

— Married and Moving

Dear Married: Most importantly, and before you make any kind of statement, you should let your husband decide whether he is comfortable with this disclosure, and/or how he would prefer that you explain his social choices — if at all. If you offer people a simple explanation, they are likely to grasp it. You could try a version of: "My wonderful husband is on the autism spectrum and doesn't enjoy socializing with groups of people, so he and I tend to socialize separately. His social choices are not at all personal; he just prefers more alone-time than I do."

Dear Amy: Grrrrr. My longtime fiancé and I announced and started planning our wedding last spring. The ceremony is scheduled for this spring. My fiance's sister is my "Matron of Honor." She learned that she is pregnant and is expecting her first child. As nature would have it … her due date is two weeks after our wedding date.

She is concerned that she might go into labor just before the wedding. Her pregnancy is going great, but she lives about three hours away and is concerned about her obstetric care, should she have a problem while she is out of town. She came to me and asked if we would be willing to change our wedding date. I don't want to be selfish here. But other family members are weighing in and are divided about what we should do. How should we respond?

— Flustered

Dear Flustered: You should respond quickly, calmly and with an air of optimistic finesse: "We're so excited to become an aunt and uncle! We've talked about changing our wedding date and we understand your concerns but we're going to go ahead with our plans."

Make sure she understands that her role as an attendant is "ceremonial," and that she only needs to engage in the process as much as she wants to. And if at the last minute she feels that she can't make the trip to stand up with you on your wedding day, you will completely understand.

Husband wants to relocate after death

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: My husband has lived in the Pacific Northwest since 1966. That's 57 years! We've been married for 25 years.

On a recent trip to Kansas, my husband's birth state, he learned that the family cemetery plot has room for one more person, so now he wants his remains buried next to his paternal grandparents and uncles.

These people have been deceased now for decades. I never met any of them.

There is no room for me in this family plot in Kansas, although there are plots available in another section of the cemetery.

I am not interested in being buried in a state I've never lived in.

I am perturbed that my husband prefers to be buried with these relatives instead of near me, in the place where our five kids were raised and where his own parents are buried.

Rationally I know that my annoyance is silly since, after I'm dead, I won't know where I was buried. But jeez, there is a cemetery 6 miles from our house, and I guess I will be cremated and interred there by myself.

Am I being unreasonable, and are there other options?

— Making Grave Decisions

Dear Making Decisions: It sounds as if this recent visit to Kansas triggered in your husband a very deep and sentimental desire to eventually return to the old sod. I believe this is a common and natural reaction when people at a certain stage of life visit their birthplace or ancestral home.

His choice brings up many practical issues for his survivors — the need to transport his body halfway across the country and the fact that survivors will likely not be able to visit his gravesite very often.

Your husband's desire to actually be buried in Kansas may fade, once he brushes the dust off after this recent trip.

There are many ways your husband could leave his mark on his birthplace during his lifetime — through support of local institutions. He could donate books to the elementary school's library, support the historical society or donate a fresh memorial to be installed at his ancestral cemetery. You might explore some of these options with him.

I suggest that you and your children should reserve plots at your local cemetery near his parents' gravesites, since this seems to be where you intend to be buried.

You should revisit this choice in a few months, and he should at some point make his wishes known in writing.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Every relationship experiences some difficulties. Don't force issues or use a brief misunderstanding as an excuse to break away. Making an impulsive change could have an adverse effect and create lasting damage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may be feeling optimistic about gambling on a risky enterprise, but there could be hidden undercurrents making this a poor idea. You might be too anxious to please and end up caught in someone else's schemes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Someone close may display some greed or coldness. It might be up to you to remind them of their better qualities. Do your best to set an example of kindness or optimism to boost their spirits and show them a better way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You or a partner could have some doubts about the other's loyalty due to your own past experiences. Avoid innocent flirtations if it could trigger heartbreak. Try to be understanding of their feelings or concerns.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You might feel like you can simply pull the strings and get your way, one way or the other. A compromise that works for everyone can be achieved but it may be to your advantage to wait until later on when things are more settled.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Exercising more caution or waiting to decide might be the best move right now. There may be nothing wrong, but you could be unaware of some of the restrictions. This is not the right time to make a key commitment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Do your best to avoid misunderstandings; remain clear about the terms and conditions of an agreement and wait to finalize a new contract. Take some time to meet new people and take advantage of potential newfound popularity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Gather opinions as well as the facts. Conflicting perspectives might appear to slow you down but can bring crucial issues into focus. Knowledge may be power, but you still a good relationship with people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You might not get anywhere by talking over each other in an important situation. One person may be too vague while the other is too particular. Do your best to be meticulous and precise so that everyone can agree.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your high energy levels could make your job or tasks a breeze to complete. It might be to your advantage to wait until better timing to make a presentation, discuss new strategies or to make an important commitment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — A loved one could be acting more impulsively than usual right now. Ask a trusted friend's advice before beginning a new relationship. Pay your bills on time and fulfill other obligations to keep things stress-free.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may struggle if you feel like your security blanket is wrapped too tight. This is a poor day to make crucial promises, key decisions or start an important project since you might inadvertently invite unwanted criticism.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It can be wise to stick to your routines and avoid launching fresh initiatives, despite the temptation that may be creeping in. You might be disappointed in someone who does not keep their word or forgets an appointment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Try to look your best when out and about because you never know who you may run into. An unexpected meeting might turn out to be a welcome happy accident. Delay making a major purchase for now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Secrets must be kept. Someone would regret placing their trust in you if you reveal their private information. People might have learned to rely on your honesty and integrity – don't let them down.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Problems once resolved can make you stronger, and a good relationship should withstand a few difficulties or misunderstandings. Do your best to remain loyal and dependable despite reckless actions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Now may be the time to forgive and forget. A difference of opinion could force you to be more diplomatic. Be a good sport and shake hands whether you win or lose. You might know someone you can rely on without exception.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Cross the bridge when you come to it. Do not anticipate problems or worry about issues that may not exist. You might spend too much time exchanging witty remarks on social media when you should be more productive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You can use your people skills and persuasive powers to move forward. A neighbor or loved one might provide some helpful information that could put things into perspective. A changeable partner may try your patience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Tie up loose ends and make sure that you have fulfilled your existing responsibilities and completed your current projects before starting new ones. A friend or loved one can be encouraging and offer valuable insights.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Make a list and you can get things done more efficiently. You might not be as enthusiastic later as you are right now. You may not fully grasp the big picture if you are constantly focused on a minor issue.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Rewards often require some risk taking, but the likelihood of a gamble paying off isn't good right now. A romantic partner could be unpredictable, or a social event might have a surprise. Go with the flow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may not enjoy calculating the returns on your investments if you see too many minus signs but do not panic. Your run of belt-tightening could be reaching its end, and you can look forward to more abundance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Your ideals, hopes and dreams can help protect you from vague doubts and worries at the back of your mind. If you focus on being kind and gentle towards others, they may be more likely to go along with your plan.

Nebraska ends 7-game skid vs. IU

LINCOLN, Neb. — Keisei Tominaga scored 18 of his season-high 28 points in the second half, including 16 in less that five minutes, and Nebraska pulled away to defeat Indiana 86-70 on Wednesday night.

Tonimaga was 6-of-9 shooting on the night, hitting 3 of 6 3s as the Cornhuskers outscored the Hoosiers 45-37 in the second half to end a seven-game losing streak in the series.

Brice Williams added 15 points for the Huskers (12-2, 2-1 Big Ten Conference), who are 12-2 for the first time since the 1990-91 season. Jamarques Lawrence had 12 points and C.J. Wilcher 11.

Kel'el Ware had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Hoosiers (10-4, 2-1), who had a three-game winning streak end. Malik Reneau added 14 points and Trey Galloway had 10.

Nebraska took the lead for good on a Sam Hoiberg layup about seven minutes in and Wilcher followed with a 3-pointer to make it 18-13 after a 7-0 run.

The lead got to 10 before the Hoosiers got a couple late free throws to make it 41-33 at the half.

Wilcher had 11 points and Tominaga 10 at the break.

Both teams had 13 field goals, but Nebraska had four 3s and was 11 of 15 from the foul line while the Hoosiers hit a pair behind the arc and were 5 of 7 at the line.

That trend continued in the second half when Nebraska was 8 of 16 from 3-point range and ended up turning 19 Indiana turnovers into 27 points.

Williams hit a 3-pointer to put the lead in double figures for good at 58-47 with 12:48 to play and Hoiberg followed with three free throws. Then Tominaga took over.

The 6-foot-2 senior guard from Japan, who averages 12.7 points a game, twice hit 3-pointers when the Hoosiers got within 11, the first coming with just under 10 minutes to play. He followed the second with three free throws and then Williams drilled a 3 to make it 73-53.

Tominaga sandwich two layups around a 3-pointer and the lead was 80-58 with 5:23 to go.

Indiana hit three 3s down the stretch.

Nebraska's next two games are against ranked teams, at No. 21 Wisconsin on Saturday and home against No. 1 Purdue on Tuesday. Indiana is home Saturday against Ohio State (**TV:** Live on FOX at 8 p.m.).

NO. 23 PROVIDENCE'S BRYCE HOPKINS OUT FOR THE SEASON WITH TORN LEFT ACL

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Providence swingman Bryce Hopkins is out for the season with a torn left ACL suffered in the No. 23 Friars' loss to Seton Hall on Wednesday night.

"We all feel for Bryce and his family in this difficult time," Providence coach Kim English said in a statement on Thursday. "We will be with him throughout this process to help him come back stronger than ever. We ask that all of Friartown keeps Bryce and his family in your thoughts and prayers."

Hopkins went down midway through the second half of the 61-57 loss and screamed in pain. He favored his left leg as he went to the locker room and an MRI on Thursday revealed the tear.

Hopkins is Providence's second-leading scorer with 15.5 points per game and leads the team with 8.6 rebounds a contest.

Cardinal men fall 77-53 at Virginia

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Isaac McKneely scored 18 points, Ryan Dunn had a double-double and Virginia defeated Louisville 77-53 on Wednesday night.

Dunn had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and McKneely made 4 of 7 3-pointers and shot 7-for-11 overall. Taine Murray had 12 points off the bench and Reece Beekman added 11 points and eight assists for the Cavaliers (11-3, 2-1 ACC) as they bounced back from a loss to Notre Dame last Saturday.

The Cavaliers used an 11-2 run late in the first half to build a 37-22 halftime lead. Dunn had six points and Beekman five in the outburst.

The Cardinals scored the first four points of the second half to get within 37-26 but the 11-point deficit was as close as they would get.

Jacob Groves hit a 3-pointer and McKneely hit a jumper and a 3-pointer to put the Cavaliers up by 24 with about 6 minutes remaining. The lead reached 24 again when Blake Buchanan hit a layup with 27 seconds left to cap the scoring.

Curtis Williams scored 14 points and Mike James had 11 for the Cardinals (5-8, 0-2).

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